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Iraq Assails Washington As Buildup Continues

Baghdad Is Isolated. Clinton Aides Assert After Criticism by Aziz

> By Brian Knowlton national Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — As the U.S. mil-trary buildup in the Gulf region continued Thursday, both sides hardened their positions: Iraq blamed the United States and UN weapons inspectors for the latest crisis and U.S. officials said that the Baghdad leadership was now 'completely isolated.'

Tariq Aziz, the deputy prime minister of Iraq, lashed out at the United States, saying in Baghdad that it had repeatedly iled "serious" efforts by Iraq to comy with United Nations resolutions and obtain a lifting of UN sanctions.

"The road is being blocked continuously, stubbornly, illegally" by the U.S. government, Mr. Aziz said in a news conference broadcast live by CNN.

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"We don't see any light at the end of the tunnel," he said, adding: "There is a tunnel after the tunnel." He again accused UN weapons inspectors, who were withdrawn from Baghdad on Wednesday, of spying for

the United States and Israel. The U.S. State Department spokesman, James Rubin, responded imme-

"Clearly, Iraq is desperately trying to shift the blame for this crisis away from its shoulders, away from its doorstep, to the United States," he said. "That effort is failing completely and totally." Joe Lockhart, the White House

spokesman, said of Mr. Aziz's comment. "What you are hearing is a voice that is completely isolated."
As proof, U.S. officials cited a state-

ment Thursday by eight Arab states that warned Iraq to cooperate with the UN or bear the consequences. With 3,000 additional U.S. troops

and 129 warptanes beased to the Gulf region, the likelihood of attacks on Iraqi targets appeared to be rising fast. Mr. Rubin would not speculate on when an attack might come, although

other officials have said that it could be Mr. Lockhart said that President Bill

Clinton faced no "artificial timetable," but added: "This cannot go on indef-The U.S. defense secretary, William Cohen, said that if the United States did

attack, it would be "significant."-And the deputy secretary of state, Strobe Talbott, hinted that any use of force would extend well beyond a day or . vo of limited strikes.

There are lots of ways we can make sure he loses on Day One and thereafter," he said, referring to President

Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Mr. Aziz suggested that Iraq would welcome a diplomatic effort by the UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan, to resolve the crisis, but the call appeared to find little resonance.

He would want an indication from the Iraqis that they are prepared to return to full compliance and then he would want the support of the council that they would want him to mediate," Mr. Annan's spokesman, Fred Eckhard, said,

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By Seth Mydans
New York Times Service

JAKARTA -- In a last line of defense, riot police on Thursday fired tear gas, water cannon and rubber bullets to keep student demonstrators from invading the grounds of Par-liament as they did six months ago when they helped force the ouster of President Suharto.

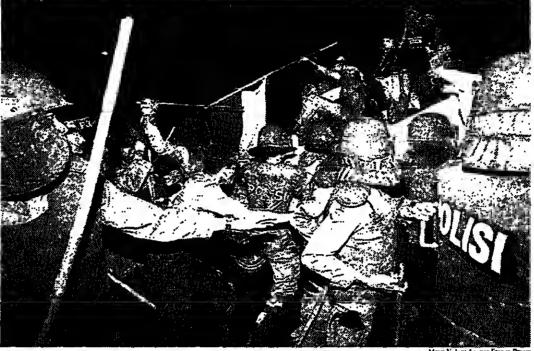
Dozens of people were reported injured in confrontations around the city as columns of students dodged or bulled their way through police lines. Banks and shops pulled down their shotters in fear of new rioting. The demonstrations have built in

numbers and intensity this week as Parliament meets to lay the groundwork for a new election that would replace the transitional government of Mr. Suharto's

chosen successor, President B. J. Habibic.

The parliamentary session is to conclude Friday with a series of intensely debated decrees that will help shape the future of Indonesia's fledgling attempt at democracy. The students say they will be out in the streets in force, ready to demonstrate their opposition:

Although the electoral process has been gen-



Indonesian police beating back student protesters with rattan sticks Thursday in Jakarta during the largest show of opposition to Parliament's special meeting over the future of the country.

erally endorsed by the country's leading opposition figures, it is not radical enough for most of the students, who are demanding an immediate break with the past.

Riding the momentum of their victory over Mr. Suharto in May, the students have taken over major streets in the capital this week by the tens of thousands, marching and chanting, proud to make their mark oo history as the revolutionary "class of 1998."

"We have proved to the people that we are not just ignorant boys and girls," said Benny Yuliawan, a 23-year-old philosophy student. "I have an obsession that this week will be as great an event as May, only without the riots."

With their jeans, sandals, long hair and guitars, this is a student movement to take its place alongside those of the French and the Americans

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Blair Leads European Warnings to Baghdad

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

LONDON - Prime Minister Tony Blair stepped up the threat of military force against Iraq on Thursday, saying Saddam Hussein must comply with UN weapons inspections "or action will

The fresh warning underlined Mr. Blair's poition as President Bill Clinton's staunchest ally. But in contrast to the previous showdown with Iraq over weapons inspections in February, when

some European countries criticized Britain's pro-U.S. stance, there was widespread support in Europe for the British hard line as well as frustration over Iraq's decision to stop cooperating with UN weapons inspectors.

"The next step is action if he is not prepared to come back into compliance with his word," Mr.

Mr. Blair's strong support for Mr. Clinton, both over Iraq and personally throughout the scandal surrounding Monica Lewinsky, has brought some criticism both at home and in Europe in recent

months. But it was a sign of European frustration with Mr. Saddam that almost no criticism has been heard this week.

At the French Foreign Ministry, a spokesman said Thursday that "all options are open" at the UN Security Council to deal with Iraq's non-

I think that Blair's position has been vindicated," said Terence Taylor, assistant director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies

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Cheung Tze-keung at his Guangzhou trial.

Beijing Takes On a Murder Case Death Sentence Highlights Authority Over Hong Kong

By Mark Landler

HONG KONG - In the end, Cheung Tzekeung gol exactly the verdict his lawyers feared: a death sentence, handed down Thursday by a Chinese court that found the 44-year-old Hong Kong crime boss guilty of arms smuggling and kidnapping two of Hong Kong's wealthiest ty-

While the verdict is a grim ending to one of the most sensational criminal trials in recent Chinese history — watched with daily fascination by people here and on the mainland — it has kicked off a fresh controversy over whether China is encroaching on

the judicial authority of Hong Kong.

Mr. Cheung committed the bulk of his crimes, including both kidnappings, in Hong Kong, Yet, he was arrested across the border in Guangdong Province and tried in the provincial capital of

It was there, early Thursday morning, that the man known as the Big Spender got the bad news. Mr. Cheung's lawyer, Ivan Tang, fought unsuccessfully to have the case moved to Hong Kong. And Thursday he accused the Hong Kong

government of buckling to pressure from China, which wanted to try Mr. Cheung in the mainland, where his crimes carried a more draconian pun-

If Mr. Cheung had been convicted of kid-napping in Hong Kong, he could have received a life sentence. But in China, if the Guangdong court rejects an appeal by his lawyer, Mr. Cheung is likely to face a swift execution - probably with a single hullet to the back of the head.

They are not only killing my client, they are killing 'one country, two systems,' 'said Mr.
Tang, referring to the agreement in which Hong
Kong has retained control over its affairs following its reversion to China last year.

Hong Kong officials maintain that because Mr. Cheung commined some of his crimes on the mainland - notably the buying of explosives the Chinese authorities had the right to try him there. Six of his accomplices also received death sentences, while 29 others received varying jail

Still, the Big Spender case has become an acute embarrassment for a place that prides itself on its

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U.S. Endorses Kyoto Accord, Joining Fight on **Global Warming**

American Signature on Pact, Though Nonbinding, Raises Outcry by Domestic Opponents

> By John H. Cushman Jr. New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration on Thursday signed the international agreement to fight global warming, a gesture meant to affirm American leadership in a long-running environmental crusade but a step that also highlighted the daunting political obstacles that still lie ahead.

The signing, which endorses the terms of the agreement but does not yet put it into force, came during a meeting in Argentina where about 150 nations are still arguing bitterly over the details of its implementation. It raised an immediate outcry among treaty opponents

in the United States. Stuart Eizenstat, the chief American delegate to the talks in Buenos Aires, announced Thursday morning that the United States would sign the pact, which was negotiated last year in Kyoto, Japan. Peter Burleigh, the acting United Nations ambassador, signed it in

New York on Thursday afternoon, But the administration, as expected, will not yet submit the Kyoto Protocol to the Senate for approval, and therefore it will not become binding. The White House has said all along that the United States would sign it before the deadline next March, but would not ratify it until key American conditions were met. That

probably means not before the elections in 2000. The protocol, which strengthens a global treaty first reached in Rio de Janiero in 1992, would commit the United States to steep cuts in its emissions of waste gases like carbon dioxide, which comes from burning fossil fuels. Scientists say that rising levels of these greenhouse gases, warming the planet like an invisible blanket, are threatening to disrupt the earth's climate

and cause potentially grave environmental harm. Under the agreement, the United States would have to cut its emissions by about 7 percent from the 1990 level over the next ten to fifteen years. Since 1990, emissions have been steadily increasing, making that target very ambitious.

The conditions that the United States is demanding are meant to hold down the costs of compliance, and to increase the chances the Senate will eventually approve the agreement. One U.S. condition is establishing a system of international trading in emissions credits, effectively allowing the United States to reduce its own emissions less by paying other countries to reduce theirs more. Another is persuading developing nations to take a larger role in cutting emissions. with financial assistance from developed nations.

Both ideas face enormous resistance from countries that say the first steps must be taken by industrial nations like the United States, which historically has emitted about a quarter of all greenhouse gases.

At the same time, American opponents of the treaty

led by major energy producers and consumers are continuing to marshall opposition in Congress, arguing that its emissions targets cannot be met without damaging the economy.

Vice President Al Gore emphasized that much more bargaining lies ahead. "Our signing of the protocol underscores our determination to achieve a truly global solution to this global challenge," he said. "We hope to achieve progress in refining the market-based tools agreed to in Kyoto, and in securing the mean-

ingful participation of key developing countries." Senator Joseph Lieberman, a leading treaty proponent, said in Buenos Aires that signing the protocol "gives us the credibility to be at the table" in the talks. That means we can not only make sure it happens, but that it happens in the way that we prefer," he said.

But Representative John Dingell, Democrat of Michigan, who opposes the treaty, said, 'The timing of this signing only encourages countries who refuse to be part of any effort to limit greenhouse gas emissions."

On Wednesday, Argentina pledged to limit its emissions, and on Thursday, Kazakhstan also did, but

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Cautiously, U.S. Forges New Ties With Algeria

By Priest Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The United States has held its first bilateral military stercise with Algeria, part of a quiet fort to build ties that some U.S. diplomats and human rights activists fear may be sending the wrong message to a regime. Washington has accused of widespread rights abuses during a seven-year war against Islamic extremists.

The military overture ends a handsoff policy pursued by the administration of President Bill Clinton toward Algeria, and follows an assessment by U.S. defense and intelligence agencies that the military-controlled government has gained the advantage against ex-tremists. U.S. officials described the

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moves as a reward for several recent decisions by Algeria to allow foreign groups to investigate human rights allegations and press censorship.

The Clinton administration has

turned increasingly to the U.S. military to initiate or lead its diplomacy in areas where the civilian foreign policy apparatus lacks access or resources. In the case of Algeria, the U.S. Navy is repeating a role it has played in improving bilateral relations with China, Russia, Ukraine, Yemen, Mexico, Chile and Bulgaria, to name n few.

There are no American plans to help.

Algeria fight the war against Islamist radicals, which has claimed between 75.000 and 120,000 lives, U.S. officials said. Instead, they said, the initiative was a cautious first step toward better "We do something periodically to

show that we're not anti-military," said Ronald Neumann, deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs and a former U.S. ambassador to Algeria whose tenure ended last year. But we're not going to get close to them or join their war until we're sure they are for reform and the human rights situation gets better."

Human rights advocates, some U.S. diplomats and other Algeria experts fear that hard-liners in the Algerian military are still in a position to quash what political pluralism has survived since

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AGENDA

Yeltsin Misses Banquet for Japan Leader

agreed earlier with Mr. Ohuchi. Mr. Yeltsin, 67, appeared in good humor but was still showing some of his recent infirmities when he met Mr. Obuchi earlier Thursday. He returned Sunday from a sojourn at the Black Sea resort of Sochi, recuperating from what the Kremlin described as "fatigue" and irregular blood pressure.

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Top Europe Bankers **Open to Cutting Rates**

The top two European central bankers suggested Thursday that they might not be opposed to cuts in in-

The president of the Bundesbank, Hans Tietmeyer, said assessments of appropriate rates should include sounding out "possible room to maneuver for a rate cut." The president of the new European Central Bank. Wirn Duisenberg, said deflation "would not be considered to be consistent with price stability." Page 15.

Japan Moves to Thwart **APEC's Free-Trade Plan**

By Michael Richardson ternational Herald Tribune

KUALA LUMPUR — Japan has mustered enough support from other Asian and Pacific countries bit bard by the region's economic crisis to derail a "fast-track" trade-liberalization plan that Washington says is critical if it is to combat protectionism in America, officials said Thursday.

The fight over the agreement to "voluntarily" free up trade in nine sectors valued at more than \$1.5 trillion a year is causing sharp divisions among the 18 members of APEC, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, as the group prepares for its annual meetings of ministers and government leaders from Saturday until Wednesday.

The United States is the largest mar-

ket for Asian exports, and in recent weeks it has posted record trade deficits with Asian countries. President Bill Clinton warned Tuesday that Washington would not tolerate the "flooding" of U.S. markets with low-cost imports.

Officials involved in preparatory negotiations said Japan had the support of a significant bloc of countries, including China, Indonesia and Thailand as well as Malaysia, which is a key ally because it is chairing the APEC meetings this year and has an important say in shaping

While not ruling out a face-saving compromise when the APEC ministers

and leaders meet, officials said the issue of whether to hasten or slow trade liberalization was one of the most difficult to confront the group since it was formed in 1989 to promote closer economic ties in a region that was growing faster than any other area of the world.

That growth has collapsed or disappeared in many economies since the region's financial crisis broke out in Thailand in July 1997. Millions of people in East Asia have been thrown out of work, and many countries are looking to pump up exports to hasten recovery while trying to limit imports. Japan, which is mired in recession, is refusing demands from the United

States and other major food exporters, including Australia. Canada and New Zealand, that it start cutting tariffs and removing other barriers to trade in fish and forest products beginning next The governing Liberal Democratic Party is under pressure from politically

influential rural lobbies not to agree to early tariff cuts in order to protect jobs and preserve Japan's self-sufficiency in food and basic resources. Fish and forest products are two of the nine areas that APEC leaders agreed

at their summit meeting in Vancouver in November 1997 should be covered by a so-called Early Voluntary Sectoral Liberalization accord. Firm offers on im-

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A Bloody Crime Wave Rattles Bombay

By Celia W. Dugger New York Times Service

OMBAY - The man this city's top crime fighters call a mafia chieftain and a cold-blooded killer was decorously receiving supplicants at his tenement headquarters here one recent after-

Each of them reverently touched his feet

before addressing him.

Arun Gawali, self-consciously costumed in the homespun cotton that was the trademark of India's great pacifist, Mobandas K. Gandhi, admitted in an interview to a criminal past he says he now deplores, but denied any part in the audacious blazes of gunfure that have spread fear across this city of more than 10 million people.

"This part of my life I have dedicated to God." he said solemnly.
"and to my guru, Brahama Devi Prajapita."

But the police say this singer's declared

But the police say this sinner's declared reformation is a boax. Though he has been often accused, but never convicted of a crime, they say Mr. Gawali is one of the gangsters responsible for a recent spate of violence and a mounting furor over what is widely seen as a breakdown of law and order in India's financial capital, a place where lots of people are making piles of money that criminal gangs

There have been a dozen bloody shoot-outs here in just the past five weeks, 81 so far this year, leaving 88 people dead. One of the most sensational took place directly across the street from police headquarters in broad daylight.

Days after that attack, young men roared up to a cafe on motorcycles and shot the owners dead at the cash counter in front of terrified cus-

Last week, gunmen sprayed bullets at a real-estate agent reading his newspaper on a crowded train platform and hit two bystanders

as well. The victims have included businessmen who refused to submit to extortion, as well as some who were involved with the mafia, the

The impunity with which big-time gangsters seem to operate in Bombay has fed corrosive public suspicions, common across India, that politicians protect criminals in exchange for a

steady flow of illegal money to pay for their election campaigns.

For months, moviegoers have packed the Eros Theater in central Bombay to watch the film. "Satya." a gritty saga of crime, political corruption and betrayal in Bombay. One recent night, the audience howled at the vulgar jokes of the gangsters, but left the theater grim-faced after the police commissioner, the crooked

Arun Gawali sitting in his tenement headquarters in Bombny benenth a picture of Nehru and Gandhi. Though he is described by the Bombay police as a notorious gangster, he says he has reformed.

> politician and all the main gangsters were murdered.

To many in the audience, it seemed that real

life was right up there on the movie screen.

The fear of the city's businessmen is palpable. In one of Bombay's poshest financial districts, a rich builder and hotelier described the work of the extortionists. His sister had applied for a bank loan, he said, and soon got a call from a thug who told her that if her balance sheet was so good she had better give him

"Someone at the bank had leaked her financial statement," her brother said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "I've also received threats. I don't want to get in trou-

But it's not just the city's wealthiest magnates who are targets.

Increasingly, more modest merchants are getting squeezed, too.

The police and business leaders speculate that an economic recession in Bombay and plummeting real estate values here have reduced the money available from the biggest businessmen, forcing gangsters to turn to smal-

A jeweler in the city's teeming wholesale

bazaar in South Bombay said his brother-inlaw, also a jewelry shop owner, said he got a telephone call recently. "Give us 11 lakh rupees" — \$26,442 — "or we will kill you," the caller demanded.

"He was so terrified that he shut down his shop and he's gone into hiding," the jeweler said, adding that he was too frightened to give

The spreading threats and the killings of several prominent businessmen have galvanized the city's business community to lobby for action. The man gunned down last month

across from the police station, after all, was the son of Raichand Shah, a department store owner and president of the Federation of Retail Trade As-

Mr. Shah said he believed his eldess son. Bharat, 39, was killed because he bad encouraged other businessmen to seek police protection rather than pay extortion. The father said be

had been threatened since his son's murder, adding that a caller had told him. "Don't talk about us or your fate will be like your son's and your other children will be killed."

ITING THE SHAH case. Moban Gurnani, president of the Federation of Associations of Maharashtra, an umbrella group of business organi-zations, said he had informed state and city officials that if crime was not under control by December, his members would stop paying

their taxes.
"If you can't protect our lives and property, why should we pay you taxes?" he told the

The city's top elected officials are promising a tough crackdown. And the police are feeling the heat.

D. Sivanandhan, the joint commissioner of police for crime, is working nights and weekends to battle the gangsters. Last week, the jaunty, mustacbioed officer sketched out the Sisypbean task his officers face — one he is convinced will require that victims summon up the courage to resist the demands of extor-



More than half the city's residents live in slums, creating an ever ready army of alien-ated, unemployed young men for the gang-

· Most of his front-line officers themselves earn a pittance of \$65 a month, a situation that he acknowledged makes them tempting targets

for bribes.

His officers are also demoralized by a jndicial inquiry report released in September that accused the police of claiming self defense in cases in which it appeared they had summarily executed gangsters.

"We've arrested hundreds of gangsters," the police commissioner said. "We haven't killed all of them. The human rights people

sbould look at such cases." But even when his officers do arrest the goondas — as gangsters here are often called — it is very difficult to convict them, he said.

"The mafia can scare the wits out of witnesses," he said. "We have no witness protection program like the United States. It's unaffordable."

Mr. Sivanandhan regards Mr. Gawali, the purportedly reformed criminal who now presents himself as a man of peace, as one of

the criminals who bas gotten away with murder. Mr. Gawali was recently released from jail after being beld for a year under a state law that allows the detention of suspected criminals for that period of time, police of-ficials say. He had earlier been held for six years in jail on various charges including murder and extortion, police officials say, but

has so far always been acquitted.
"He's a cold-blooded killer." the police commissioner said. "But he's donning a new role. Overnight, he wants to become a political leader and a philanthropist. But his money is

"He has no proof," retorted Mr. Gawali from his headquarters in a millworkers' tenement.

A member of the lowly vegetable sellers caste and son of a milkman, Mr. Gawali, 48, says he is a changed man. It was the politicians who made him a criminal, he said. "I used to provide them with muscle power." But be said

be has since fallen out with his former political patrons and is now active in a new political party. "I was a rebel," Mr. Gawli said. "And if you are a rebel, one way leads to politics and the other to jail. In jail, they call you a goonda. In politics, they call you a minister."

Airport appealed Thursday for a new airport on a manmade island in the North Sea to allow

Schiphol to keep pace with soaring growth.

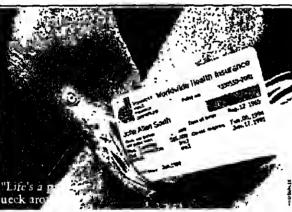
KLM and Schiphol directors said the island would probably cost 35 to 40 billion guilders (\$18.7 billion to \$21.4 billion), but they re-

ROME (AFP) - The Italian capital was

paralyzed Thursday by thousands of taxi

drivers demonstrating against municipal

plans to lift restrictions on their fares and



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Mexico Tracks Down Banker

U.S. Helps to End Long Hunt for Suspect in Fraud Case

wanted on 21 charges of fi- tion of Mexican banks withnancial fraud amounting to at out informing Mexico. least \$170 million.

But the four-year interna-Peniche, finally succeeded. Mexican officials said, after top American authorities recently decided to pitch in. Mr. Cabal, who was on the

short list of men most wanted by Mexican justice, was arrested Tuesday at his tree-shaded beach-front mansion in Melboume. Australia. where he had been living with his family for about a year posing as a merchant from the Dominican Republic.

Mexican officials moved Wednesday to seek his ex-

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Mexican officials said that Attorney General Janet Reno manhunt for the gave new support to the pur-Carlos Cabal suit of Mr. Cabal after Mexsuit of Mr. Cabal after Mexican investigations turned up signs that he was running a secret financial empire that reached to the Caribbean. South America and Asia. with a major base of operations in South Florida.

The arrest of Mr. Cabal. 41. was a political success in the short term for the Mexican government's financial offiby the opposition of protecting correct bankers.

Mexico for trial. Mr. Cabal

By Julia Preston

New York Times Service

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MEXICO CITY — It began as one Mexican detectve's dogged but lonely search had conducted an undercover 1994 election campaign to the r who was money-laundering investiga- political party that brought President Ernesto Zedillo to power. And Raul Salinas de Gortari, who is a brother of a former president and is under investigation on suspicion of

> used accounts in Mr. Cabal's banks to make secret transfers of at least \$67 million, according to an investigation by the police in Switzerland. Mr. Cabal had a meteoric rise from a small-time shrimp exporter to one of Mexico's wealthiest and most promi-

nent financiers during the presidency of Carlos Salinas cials, who have been accused de Gortari. The Salinas government sold him two banks. Banca Cremi and Banca Un-But if he is brought back to ion, and Mr. Salinas once singled him out as a model could add explosive new fuel Mexican business executive.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Air France Faces Strike.

PARIS (AFP) — Unions for Air France's flight attendants lodged notice Thursday of a 48-hour strike next week over pay and working conditions.

The unions said the strike would start at midnight Monday and run to midnight Wed-

Italy-U.S. Air Accord

ROME (AP) - Italy and the United States signed a preliminary agreement Thursday meant to increase the number of flights between the two countries and to free prices from government regulations.

The agreement will allow U.S. and Italian airlines to fly to any airport in each other's country, a U.S. Embassy statement said. Currently, airlines are allowed a limited number of flights and cannot provide direct flights from all airports.

The accord would also open the market to new airlines on both sides

Dutch Airport Appeal

AMSTERDAM (AP) - KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Amsterdam's Schipbol

working bours in order to increase the number of cabs in the city. According to the changes proposed by local authorities, taxi drivers who now work in shifts of seven hours and a half will be able to work as long as they want after baving worked a minimum six hours in a day. The aim is to

vealed no construction plans.

Taxi Protest in Rome

introduce more competition. The air traffic radar systems for Southern California and O'Hare International Airport temporarily failed this week, but officials said passengers had not been endangered. (AP)

The planned expansion next year of Don Muang international airport outside Bangkok

has been delayed due to bidding and scheduling problems, an airport official said. (AP)



MD-11 Switches Amuerain Te Nor and Prone to Burning Europe $AL(n_{\rm s}, T) A$ Haten Traffices

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Aulines were told Thursday to inspect two lighting dimmer switches in MD-11 cockpits because they may overhear and smoke, but the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration said the problem did not appear to have caused the Sept. 2

crash of Swissair Flight 111. The agency, which issued the airworthiness directive, said airlines had 30 days to determine if switches on their airliners are one of two models that have been found to be defective. If they are, the switches must be repaired or replaced within a month,

The agency said it had no evidence that overheating of a switch causes damage beyond the part. "There is also nothing to indicate that these switches are related to the Swissair crash," it said. All 229 people abourd that MD-11 died when it crashed off Nova Scotia.

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Despite Tough Talk, Livingston Is Cool on Impeachment

By Juliet Eilperin and Guy Gugliotta Washington Post-Service

WASHINGTON -- The House speaker-to-be, Bob Livingston, is talk-ing tough about President Bill Clinton's behavior, but privately the Louisiana Republican has suggested that he has lime interest in pursuing an impeachment inquiry during his speakership.

With House Republicans seemingly

split over whether to seek the impeachment of the president, Mr. Livingston has yet to take an active role in bridging the differences. In fact, congressional sources said Wednesday that Mr. Liv-ingston had not discussed the issue of impeachment with House Judiciary Comminee charman, Henry Hyde, Republican of Illinois, since he announced Friday that he would seek the speak-

In his private conversations with other House members. Mr. Livingston has made clear that "he is leaving the whole thing to Hyde," a source said.

But with Republicans on the Judiciary Committee still anxions to press a confrontation with the White House, many rank-and-file party members are hoping that Mr. Livingston and other Republican leaders will find a way to avoid that prospect before the new Con-

"There is a very widespread feeling and amongst much of the leadership that they want this off the table for the new Congress," said a leading Republican lawmaker. "It is my clear perception that there is nothing the new speaker would want more than to start the next Congress with a clean

"Bob's a pragmatist," said Representative W.J. (Billy) Tauzin, Republican of Louisiana, a close-associate of Mr. Livingston. "I think he's going to want to work through things as quickly as possible. You're not going to see Bob moralizing on the issue

or letting the issue divide the House."

With no declared opposition and widespread support, Mr. Livingston is virtually certain to be chosen the next speaker when incoming House Republicans meet Wednesday to pick their officers and apportion committee as-signments for the 106th Congress. Mr. Livingston will not receive the gavel until the new Congress is sworn in Jan.
3. Until then, the House's pending affairs - particularly impeachment will remain at least nominally under the direction of the outgoing speaker, Newt

Still, Mr. Livingston's wishes would

gress meets in January. Exactly how is be paramount, and at least in public he has been circumspect about his intentions. That is in contrast to Mr. Gingrich, who made the scandal a centerpiece of Republican strategy for the Nov. 3 midterm elections.

> 'There is nothing the new speaker would want more than to start the next Congress with a clean slate.'

In a television interview Sunday, Mr. Livingston seemed to take note of the electioo returns, in which public im-patience with the impeachment pro-ceedings appeared to play a role in the disappointing Republican perfor-

"The American people have certainly indicated in the polls that they don't see it as an impeachable or dismissible offense," he said, referring to the Monica Lewinsky affair.

But on a radio talk show Wednesday.
Mr. Livingston was sharply critical of
Mr. Clinton, saying "the president of
the United States has a responsibility to the American people to live by the laws, to obey the laws," according to the Hotline newsletter.

"And if it's proven that he did not, he's either going to have to be dealt with or he should voluntarily recognize that he's got a problem," Mr. Livingston was quoted as saying. "So far, I haven't ident Clinton."

heard any singular recognition of his problem, so we'll just have to let the processes move forward." In a lunch with reporters Wednesday, Richard Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri and House minority

leader, said that he expected Republicans to bring an impeachment resolution to the floor next month.

Mr. Gephardt refused to predict the outcome, but he criticized the Republicans' handling of the process. "We've done a lot wrong now and

it's hard to put the thing back together again," Mr. Gephardt said. "The problem oow is that we're out of time." he said, adding that "I still think it's very important to get it over with by the end of the year.

Mr. Hyde is scheduled to convene Judiciary Committee hearings next week on an impeachment inquiry concerning Mr. Clinton's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House aide. Comminee Democrais sent a letter to Mr. Hyde on Wednesday asking that the panel make a "summary judgment" on whether allegations made by Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, "if assumed to be true, could constitute grounds for the impeachment of Pres-

The letter asks for a formal committee meeting next week to consider the motion. Few Republicans have been willing to take public stands on the proceedings. Some say in private they will vote against articles of impeachment while others say they are undeeided, but virtually everyone wants the matter to be resolved as rapidly as possible. "h's a had taste in their mouths. and they'd like to get it out," said Representative Brian Bilbray, Repub-

lican of California.

There are people who genuinely believe these are not impeachable offenses, and others who believe it's politically crazy to go ahead." said Representative Peter King, Republican of New York and a moderate who opposes impeachment. "You combine the two, and I don't think there's any way to pass an impeachment resolution on the House floor.

But at this point, many members agreed, the outcome remains uncertain. It I had to vote five minutes from now. don't know how I would vote," said Representative James Greenwood. Republican of Pennsylvania and another moderate. "I don't think a majority of the

Delay Sought On Clinton

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Senator Arlen Specter says he is trying to convince key lawmakers that the criminal justice system, rather than Congress, should decide whether President Bill Clinton commined perjury and obstruction of justice. The leader of the House impeachment inquiry says, however, that he will not abandon the investigation.

Mr. Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, said Wednesday that the Senate majority leader. Trent Lon, Republican of Mississippi. and the likely House speaker. Representative Bob Livingston, Republican of Louisiana, listened to his idea of ending the inquiry and delaying any prosecution until after Mr. Climon is out of office in 2001

- hut made no commitments. _. Representative Henry Hyde, Re-publican of Illinois and chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. said that hearings scheduled for Nov. 19 would go ahead, as would subsequent committee deliberations on articles of impeachment.

"Senator Specter's always ahead of the curve," Mr. Hyde said.

AMERICAN

Amish Toil Against Child Labor Laws

Daniel Mark Smucker spends each weekday working inches away from heavy presses that punch through several layers of tough leather. He is 15. In a corner of southeastern Pennsylvania where horse-drawn carriages charm the eye, the Amish teenager, who wears black britches and a pageboy haircut, toils quite happily at his father's harness factory.

But now, Daniel and his family find themselves in a mgof-war between federal child labor laws and Amish unditions of self-reliance and hard work, considered the law of God by the so-called Old Order Amish, who number 150,000 in the Eastern and Midwestern United States and in Canada. "We believe that forced idleness in this age is detrimental to our long-standing Amish way of raising our children," Christ Blank, national chairman for the Old Order Amish Steering Committee, told the U.S. Congress last spring.

Because of the difficulties of farming and the dwindling supply of available land, some Amish have switched to manufacturing - sawmills and rope factories, for example - and putting their children to work indoors. Federal officials do not intervene when Amish children work in the fields, but federal law bars children under 16 from toiling near power-driven equipment in a factory.

This past summer, Moses Smucker, Daniel's father, was

fined \$8,300 for illegally employing four teenagers — including Daniel and a daughter, Frieda, then 13 — to work around hazardous machinery. To Mr. Smucker, that was an infuriating judgment of his religion and his role as a caring father. "They're trying to tell me I can't have my own children working for me?" he said, his large hands shaking as he worked in his bara.

John Fraser, a Labor Department official, said safety was the key issue. "We're not out to get the Amish," he said. The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a measure to ease child labor laws for Amish youths. The Senate has yet to act:

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It is not what you would expect to find at a high school. let alone one in Flushing, in the Queens borough of New York City: a crimson barn with 150 egg-laying heas; a fouracre (1.6 hectare) form brimming with green beans and manmoth-faced sunflowers, and cows being groomed not by hay-chewing farmers, but by young girls with safety pins piercing their ears. John Bowne High School in Flushing boasts the largest agricultural science program of any high school in the state. Nearly 600 students learn to tend apple or peach orchards, care for birds and snakes, or cultivate vegetable patches. The New York Times reported.

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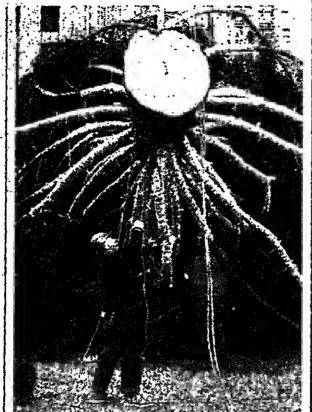
elderly. Last year, serious flu

46 states, killing 20,000

people. But virtually none of

the victims were children, researchers said, adding that 45 percent of all schoolchildren

get the flu.



HOLIDAY HOIST - Workers preparing to raise a 73-foot-tall (22-meter) Norway spruce into place as Rockefeller Center's Christmas tree in New York.

The 58,196 names etched into the black granite of the Vietnam Memorial wall in Washington will now be posted on the Internet, along with comments from the dead men's families and friends. The new Web site, a joint project of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and Winstar Communications Inc., will be at www.thevirtualwall.org.

Holiday bakers are in for a shock: The cost of butter has source recently to about \$4 a pound, about twice its usual price. Why? In a word, pizza: Demand for many milk products has boomed. The Washington Post explains, so given the choice between investing in butter-production facilities and cheese plants, dairy producers have chosen cheese. Part of the cheese production is used for toppings on popular Latin foods.

The biggest buyers, however, are the enormous pizzamaking chains that sell millions of cheese-topped pies a

Brian Knowlton

British TV Offers \$700,000 to Lewinsky

LONDON - A British television network says it is just about to sign a contract with Monica Lewinsky that would pay the former White House intern about \$700,000 for a face-to-face interview, to be broadcast everywhere

but North America. Ms. Lewinsky has a tentative agreement to give an "exclusive" interview to ABC-TV's Barbara Walters. ABC would not pay for the interview, but would only hold the rights to broadcast it in the United States and Canada.

In contrast, Britain's Channel Four Television Corp., a national commercial network, is negotiating for a paid interview of its own. Maggs Patten, of Channel Four, said the network was "probably just days away" from an-

nouncing a deal. Ms. Patten said reports here that the deal would pay Ms. Lewinsky £400,000 (\$664,480) are "in the right ball park." For that sum, Channel Four wants the right to sell the program anywhere, ex-cept on ABC's North American turf. Ms. Patten said it was likely that such

a program would take the form of an talking to Mr. Clinton on Monday.

hourlong one-on-one interview with

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Jon Snow, the network's chief presenter."
Ms. Lewinsky is said to be eager to

sell the rights to her story to help pay her legal fees after 10 months as a target and central witness for Kenneth Starr's investigation of sex in the White House. British networks and newspapers frequently pay for interviews or "exclusive" stories, and all the major news outlets have reportedly been bidding for

a Lewinsky appearance. In return for its six-figure payment. Channel Four would like to air its broadeast before Ms. Lewinsky's unpaid interview with ABC.

Gore Is Questioned On Fund-Raising Ads

WASHINGTON - Vice President Al Gore has been interviewed in the Justice Department's preliminary investigation of whether he and President Bill Clinton illegally benefited from campaign ads by the Democratic Party in the 1996 elections.

Justice Department investigators interviewed Mr. Gore on Wednesday after

"The vice president voluntarily agreed to the interview and will continue to cooperate fully, as he has done in the past, with the Justice Department's ex-

amination." Mr. Gore's lawyers said. The interview at the vice president's residence focused on the "Democratic National Committee issue ads," the lawyers added,

Attorney General Janet Reno is expected to decide by Dec. 7 whether to ask a special panel to appoint an independent counsel in the matter.

The Clinton-Gore inquiry is the third separate 90-day review under way related to campaign fund-raising. A separase investigation of Mr. Gore focuses on whether he truthfully described to federal investigators his understanding of how campaign finance laws applied to fund-raising activities he undertook two years ago.

Quote/Unquote

Jim Wright, a Democrat who resigned as House speaker in 1989 after an ethics investigation initiated by Newt Gingrich, on Mr. Gingrich's resignation last week: "I didn't weep. I didn't shed tears. But, hey, we're all in this to-gether." (NYT)

Away From Politics

 A federal agent was public health message, they nearly hit by a bullet when a acknowledge. Physicians shot was fired at the command post in Andrews, North Carolina, where federal agents are coordinating their search for the bombing suspect Eric Rudolph.

California forestry ofging license of Pacific Lumber Co. environmental violations, forcing the company to lay off 180 workers. Pacific Lumber cuts trees on about 200,000 acres of forest in Humboldt County. The company's holdings include a section of the Headwaters Forest, site of thousands of acres of ancient redwoods recently purchased by the state and federal government for \$500 million.

 Authorities in Los Angeles have seized 2 million fake government ID cards and other documents in what is believed to be one of the largest such busts in Immigration and Naturalization Service history. The raid turned up fake resident alien cards, unmigration forms driver's licenses. Social Security cards, credit cards, traveler's checks and printing equipment Since August authornies have arrested 12 people, all charged with possessing and trafficking in bounterfeit documents and possessing equipment to make commerfeit docu-

* Medical researchers are recommending that schoolchildren get annual flu shots to help control the rampant spread of the virus this winter. It is an unusual



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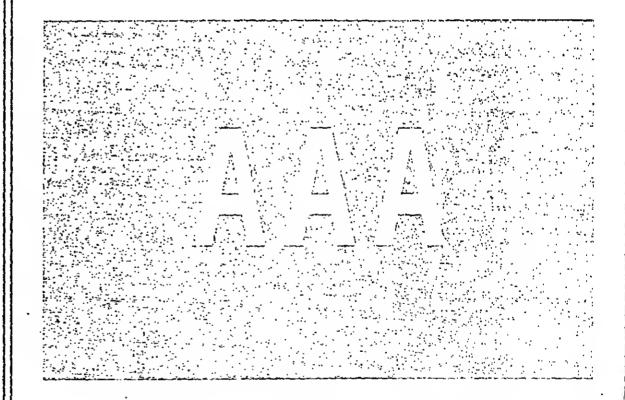


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above the courthouse where a judge presides over the trial of Anwar Ibrahim. the former Malaysian deputy prime min-ister, is a tall white huilding that holds an eerie mystique for Malaysians. It is called Bukit Aman, the Hill of Peace.

Inside the structure, which overlooks downtown Kuala Lumpur, is the headquarters of the country's "special branch," an elite, secretive police unit

with wide-ranging powers.
In the four decades since Malaysia's independence, the special branch has detained and interrogated Communists. religious extremists, opposition politicians, and more recently Mr. Anwar, who is charged with using his political influence to cover up alleged acts of

For decades, Malaysians could only speculate on what happened atop the Hill of Peace, but in the past two weeks the special branch has been forced to go public. Top brass from the agency testifying in Mr. Anwar's trial have detailed techniques used to interrogate witnesses and have openly said that they do not follow the rules in the Criminal Procedure

Last week, the head of the special branch, Mohammed Said Awang, spoke KUALA LUMPUR - Towering about how his department "turned over" and "neutralized" witnesses changing an undesirable stand or opin-

> He said his officers would "do a quick assessment on our target, then we see how the possibilities are to turn over their stand.

said, "we may neutralize the stand if it is

scribed his detention in police custody - being beaten unconscious "uotil blood seeped down my oose" - the

comments have had greater resonance.

A 20-year veteran of the police agency. Abdulaziz Husin, provided more details on special branch techniques in testimony earlier this week. The continuous interrogation in-

volves the use of rapid-fire questions to create a climate of fear as if a physical attack could occur against the target," he told the court.

Some Malaysians say that the con-

local newspapers, could be more important than the outcome of the trial itself.

"There's no doubt that there's now a greater degree of cynicism and skepticism about the impartiality of the po-lice — and what should be the independence of the police," said Lim Kit Siang, the leader of the opposition in of a book published several years ago Parliament who was detained for 18 about life under police detention called "If it is a certain political stand," he months during the late 1980s as a threat to national security

Said, "we may neutralize the stand it it is a security threat."

Under normal circumstances, Mr. Mohammed Said's comments could be taken as sterile police jargon, but coming less than a month after Mr. Anwar developments of the stability and continued the standard of the stability and continued to the stabili prosperity. The special hranch formed an important part of that contract, serving as the government's tool to clamp down on dissent.

Earlier this week, 36 human rights activists, journalists and lawyers an-nounced a 75 million ringeit (\$20 million) lawsuit against the police for illegal arrests and detention following a conference on East Timor that was broken up in 1996. Police had raided the conference,

message to the government that they can't illegally detain anyone and think they can get away with it." said Elizabeth Wong, a plaintiff in the suit.

Perhaps another measure of disaffection with solice tention is september.

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sequences of this extraordinary testimony, which is extensively reported by
local newspapers, could be more impor
"We are trying to send a trying trying to send a trying trying trying trying trying trying trying trying tryi We are trying to send a very clear for six years by police following his sage to the government that they involvement in a 1974 student protest.

tion with police tactics is the brisk sales of a book published several years ago people tended to believe it, said about life under police detention called Rustam Sani, a lecturer at the University two people who had made allegations 'Two Faces,' by Syed Husin Ali, a of Malaya and one of the country's most about Mr. Anwar's alleged sex acts.

There's been a sea change in our political culture. This is happening at a stage in our political life when the demand for democracy has never been "The attitude in the past was that if trusted leader said something that prove that Mr. Anwar directed the special prove that Mr. Anwar directed the special branch to obtain written retractions from

Clinton Does Not Plan to Meet Anwar's Wife

KUALA LUMPUR — President Bill Clinton does oot plan to meer with the wife of Malaysia's detained former deputy prime minister during a visit oext week, a U.S official said Thursday.

Azizah Ismail, the wife of Mr. Anwar Ibrahim, reportedly wants to meet with Mr. Clinton while he is in Kuala Lumpur

for a trade summit meeting. She has said she expects to speak with the presidents of Indonesia and the Philippines when they, 100, are in the Malaysian capital for the Asia-

Pacific Economic Cooperation summit talks.

But U.S. diplomais in the Malaysian capital ruled out that come a sideshow to the summit talks.

possibility in a brief statement issued by the U.S. Embassy. The statement gave no reason for the decision not to meet

with Miss Azizah Mr. Anwar is being tried on charges of sodomy and abuse of power. He was fired by his one-time mentor. Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad, in September after disputes over how to handle Asia's economic crisis.

Mr. Anwar's trial will be suspended during next week's APEC meaning Asymptotic between Mr.

APEC meeting. Any meetings between Miss Azizah and world leaders very likely would infuriote the Malaysian government, which does not want the Anwar case to be-

Seoul Backs

Korean War

By Don Kirk

SEOUL - A magazine article crit-

icizing a liberal professor and adviser to:

President Kim Dae Jung has reopened

some of the wounds of South Korea's long crackdown against Communist sympathizers after the Korean War. This time, however, the government

and a district court are supporting the professor rather than threatening him.

The principal protagonists are Choi lang lip, a well-known academic who has written speeches for Mr. Kim, and the country's landing delivery.

the country's leading daily newspaper. Chosun Ilbo, noted for its conservative

criticism of officials viewed as leftist.

Mr. Choi appeared to have won the first round when a count decided Wednesday to ban the sale of Chosen Hoo's

monthly magazine because it had libeled Mr. Choi in anacking his analysis of the

launching of the Korean War in June 1 1950. Chosun Ilbo said Thursday

however, that it is appealing the de-cision. The court raling also imposes a time of 10 million won (\$7,600).

damage snit in which Mr. Choi is suing

total reversal from an era when the gov-

ernment and courts routinely acted in

concert to imprison anyone suspected of

sympathizing with North Korea. Part of

the country's national security law ef-

fectively bans all pro-Communist ac-

that view, say conservatives, would mean that North Korea, backed by China and the Soviet Union, was justified in its

attack on the South, which was defended.

Mr. Choi, who teaches at Korea University and leads the presidential com-

mission on policy planning, charges that

the magazine crafted the article to make

him appear sympathetic with the North

Korean regime.

Mr. Choi offended conservatives by

describing the decision to go to war by

the late North Korean leader, Kim II Sung, as "historic," according to Chosun IIbo. Mr. Choi, however, countered that the Korean word that he

used was deliberately misinterpreted.

"I did not use the word voksajok to

its historical significance." The work is usually translated as "historic" or "as-

positively porrray Kim Il Sung's decision," said Mr. Choi, "but to explain-

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Kim, in China, Advocates A Regional Security Body

BELJING - President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea called Thursday for the creation of a Northeast Asian regional security body to manage territorial disputes and military tension.

"Northeast Asia remains the only region in the world where there is no regional cooperative system for the maintenance of peace," Mr. Kim said in a speech in Beijing on the second day of

'We cannot hut feel the need for the establishment of a cooperative regional organization." he told Peking University faculty and students after listing threats to regional peace, including a weapons

BRIEFLY

Bangladesh Strike Ends in Violence

DHAKA - Three more people injured in clashes between political rivals in the closing hours of a three-day general strike.

The killings raised the death toll to seven, with more than 500 injured during the 60-hour strike, according to news reports Thursday.

The strike was the longest opposition-led shutdown since Sheikh Hasina Wazed's government came to power two years

Business leaders said the strike cost the impoverished country \$200 million in lost revenue. (AP)

Subcontinent Rivals Draw U.S. Pressure

WASHINGTON - The United States, which last week lifted some economic sanctions on India and Pakistan, on Thursday renewed public pressure on both South Asian states to take specific steps to curb nuclear and missile pro-

But in a speech at the Brookings Institution, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott said the only thing that would really bring peace to the Indian Subcontinent was if New Delhi and Islamabad "liberate themselves from their owo

Otherwise, he said, "No amount of diplomatic exertion on our part, on nonproliferation or any other subject, will have much effect."

Cambodia Prince Will Join Coalition

PHNOM PENH - Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the Cambodian opposition leader, said Thursday that he would form a coalition govemment with his rival. Prime Min-

Prince Ranariddh made the comment shortly after his return home from Thailand for talks with Mr. Hun Sen, who is struggling to form a new government three months after disputed elections.

The prince had agreed to return for talks with Mr. Hun Sen - over which his father, King Norodom Sihanouk, would preside - after receiving a guarantee of safety from Mr. Hun Sen's government.

The talks ended after more than four hours, and an official from the prince's party said they had been

For the Record

Conservatives clashed with police in Taipei in a protest against the use of Sun Yat-Sen's image in an election campaign advertise-ment by Mayor Chen Shui-Bian that they say insults the founder of the Chinese republic.

huildup and territorial disputes. He did not provide details on his proposal.

Mr. Kim included the September launch of a North Korean rocket as a seed of conflict in the region, but he said

he stood by his efforts to improve re-

lations on the Korean Peninsula. Mr. Kim. speaking after a meeting with President Jiang Zemin, urged Beijing to take a more active role in the four-way talks among the two Koreas, the United States and China.

"The situation on the peninsula is re-laxing on the whole," Mr. Jiang told Mr. Kim, according to a Chinese spokesman, "and the relationship between the parties

oncerned are improving gradually."

Mr. Kim made little mention of human rights in his speech. Instead, he underscored aspects of Confucian philosophy shared by the two countries that he said mirror Western democratic ideals. "In China, rulers were expected to 'regard the people as they regarded heaven, and respect heaven and love the people, "he said. "These teachings are as important as the Western idea of human rights."



TEMPLE TUSSLE — Monks brawling Thursday in Seoul over elections for the leadership of the Chogye Buddhist Order, the largest in South Korea. Hundreds of opponents of the head monk, Song Wol Ju, claiming he is incompetent and corrupt, have occupied the headquarters temple and delayed the balloting.

JAKARTA: As Street Clashes Continue, Student Protesters Leave Their Mark on History

Continued from Page 1

in 1968. Already, they have earned the right to help shape the national agenda of

was anointed for a seventh five-year term in March. And it was the killing hy security forces of four students at Trisakti University in mid-May that sparked three days of devastating riots that shook Mr. Suharto's hold on power.

Finally, the students' ebullient and fearless weeklong occupation of the Parliament huilding was the most visible part of the endgame that forced Mr.

Suhario to step down. Many people here see the students as an essential moral force, assuring that Parliament will not back away from its outline of democratic reforms. As the four-day parliamentary session contin-

are holdovers from the 32-year Suharto era, the students are the most insistent nation that does not yet have a true democracy, their voices must be heard could unleash protectionist forces. from beyond the spiked fence that surrounds the Parliament building.

But they are not a unified movement with clear leaders, and a foreign dip- be a disastrous course, would merely lomat who has analyzed the student groups said they have in recent weeks Mr. Clinton — who is expected to undergone a process of increasing frag-

movement is fracturing all the time." Their various agendas seem to con-It was their continuing campus demon-strations that kept alive the country's and that the government investigate Mr. Mantes, 19, a student of management at timid opposition to Mr. Suharto after he Suharto's stolen wealth. Many students Trisakti University.

some have abandoned their positions of strating against Mr. Suharto and his leg-middle class that was its result. The nonviolence," the diplomat said. "The acy. demanding the completion of Indonesia's halfway revolution.

"We will watch the conclusion of the truly middle class generation, ssion, and if Suharto is not punished. "We realize that not all the people verge on a demand that the military with-session, and if Suharto is not punished.

are demanding the immediate resigna-tion of Mr. Hahibie, although a split in the movement has emerged over this issue. In effect, the students are still demon-

students, with their vision of an open democratic society, are Indonesia's first

agree with us," Mr. Yuliawan said of the students' political agenda. "But our role is educational. By staging our protests, In a book published eight years ago, Mr. Choi wrote that "the war in the mitial period was fundamentally a na-tional liberation war. Acceptance of

APEC: Tokyo Is Set to Derail 'Fast-Track' Accord on Freer Trade

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be agreed to in Kuala Lumpur.

In advance of the APEC meetings. U.S. officials have been intensitying warnings that a flood of Asian exports to ued Thursday, delegates inside the building repeatedly asked reporters.

"What's happening outside?"

In a nation where all government institutions and almost all public figures

they are offset by trade liberalization that would benefit U.S. sales to Asia.

Trade Minister Tim Fischer of Ausvoice for a genuine change. And in a tralia warned Thursday that Japan's selective approach to the fast-track accord

"I think the threat of slippage with regard to trade worldwide is very real." he said in Canberra. "I think that would extend present economic difficulties."

unless the crisis over Iraq forces him to "Now they are kind of leaderless, and cancel the trip - specifically referred to this year - double the 1997 level - and weekend.

the political importance of a deal on the fast-track accord in a speech to U.S. plementing that accord were supposed exporters in Washington on Tuesday.

Last year we agreed to consider opening nine key sectors worth more than \$1.5 trillion a year in world trade," he said. "We need to deliver on that agreement. If we expect the American people to support expanded trade, free

trade must also be fair trade."
In a report prepared for the meetings in Kuala Lumpur, the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council said that "a rehirth of protectionism" could abort prospects for economic recovery in East Asia.

The Asia-Pacific region "remains very dependent on trade, said the council, which comprises business, academic and government representatives from 23 Asia-Pacific economies. It said the risk was "probably greatest in the United States, which is suffering from a historic rise in its merchandise trade deficit."

U.S. officials have said that the deficit is likely to swell to a record \$220 billion officially admitted as members this

could exceed \$300 billion by the end of 1999. Most of the imbalance is with East Asian countries, led by Japan and

Despite the high stakes, officials said Thursday that Japan continued to insist that any fast-track agreement be voluntary and that discussion of forestry and fishery tariffs be left to the next round of global trade negotiations under the auspices of the World Trade Organization. Those negotiations are not due to begin before 2000.

China, Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia have joined Japan in empha-sizing the voluntary nature of the fasttrack agreement.

APEC's members are Australia.

Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States. Russia, Vietnam and Peru are to be

He hailed the court decision as showing that "reason won over forces who resist change in a time of democratization." A group of retired generals had de-nounced him for "national betrayal".

by U.S. forces.

while scholars in both South Korea and the United States have supported Mr.
Choi as a hero and a symbol of freedom.
A spokesman for Mr. Kim said the government had "concluded there are

no problems' with Mr. Choi's writing.

Chief Judge Shin Young Chul in his

HONG KONG: China's Taking Jurisdiction in Kidnapper's Trial Stirs Fears in Ex-Colony landed Mr. Cheung in a Chinese plain. said Yash Ghai, a professor of courtroom. During the trial, Mr. Cheung law at Hong Kong University, referring now focusing on the case of a Chinese testified that he and his gang carried out to the president of China. "It's a type of man who is accused of murdering three out if Mr. Choi "endorses free democ-Continued from Page I

executive. Tung Chee-hwa, to plead for authorities. her son's case to be moved.

this former British colony.

There has been a great outery, but the government is consistently defendof the Hong Kong people."

Gladys Li, the former chairman of the

on the mainland?" she asked. Equally alarming, according to legal

British-style legal system. On Tuesday. testified that he and his gang carried out Mr. Cheung's mother, Tang Sai-mui. criminal activities in Hong Kong with went to the offices of Hong Kong's chief seemingly blithe disregard for the local

In 1996, Mr. Cheung kidnapped Vic-Few politicians or legal experts are tor Li, the eldest son of Hong Kong's rushing to Mr. Cheung's defense. But most famous tycoon, Li Ka-shing. While they are sharply critical of the govern-Victor Li was locked in a cramped ment for not defending the territory's wooden box. Mr. Cheung negotiated a judicial independence. Under Hong \$153 million ransom with his father -Kong's constitution, they argue, whiling away the time at the Li family Chinese criminal law does not apply in home as the elder Mr. Li pulled together

Mr. Cheung also abducted another property developer. Walter Kwok. After ing the rights of China," said Martin his family balked at the initial ransom Lee, a prominent opposition politician demand he hammered out a deal for \$77 here. "Surely they should be on the side million in meetings with Mr. Kwok's relatives.

In neither case did the families of the Hong Kong Bar Association, said the victims call the Hong Kong police. People hlurring of jurisdictions raised alarming with knowledge of the police department possibilities.

Could a Hong Kong citizen do officials in Beijing, who began a vast something that is perfectly legal under Hong Kong law and be prosecuted for it here said the law of a police report weakened their claim on the case.

Equally alarming, according to legal "I worry that a rycoon can pick up the ging and soil erosion. The Yellow River experts here, are the circumstances that phone and call Jiang Zemin to combas not run clear for centuries. "I worry that a tycoon can pick up the

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personal attacks."

China Unveils Plan to Fight Summer Floods

Silting in the rivers and uncontrolled square kilometers (900 square miles) of BEUING - China on Thursday unlogging were blamed for China's devveiled an ambitious forest-recovery plan to cut soil erosion, end the plague of annual summer floods and change the than \$20 billion in economic losses. color of its two most famous rivers.

Forestry Bureau, said the long-term plan floods. Under the plan announced Thursday, the cutting ban would be sup-plemented with planting of high-yield, fast-growth trees along the river banks. Many of the one million workers affected by the ban would also be shifted to environmental protection and reforest-

In addition, Mr. Wang said the plan and generations to ando decades of sought to cut the rate of describication, which is entire into an addition.

China's forestry development are rehabilitating and expanding forest cover and soon as possible, increasing forest area, and reducing and alleviating the negative effects of natural disasters, he said Mr. Wang said the plan would begin producing results early in the acceptance.

producing results early in the next cen-tury, but it would require "generations

would focus on reforestation along the Yangtze and Yellow rivers.

By the middle of the next century. the Yangtze will be more clear and the Yellow River will be less yellow." Mr. Wang said.

Both rivers are infamous for their murky waters, caused by rampant log-

astating summer floods, which killed more than 3,600 people and caused more Wang Zhibao, director of the State

China banned all logging along the Yellow and Yangtze rivers following the

forest and farmland each year. Natural disasters such as floods and

drought have directly influenced China's development." Mr. Wang said.
"Therefore, the primary tasks for

"These problems cannot be solved in which is eating into more than 2,400 a short period of time," Mr. Wang said

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Germany Said to Push Finance Minister for Top Post in Brussels By John Schmid .-

International Herald Tribune

newfound national self-con-fidence espoused during the election by Germany's center-left leaders.

Germany's candidate for the denials Thursday.

"I am interested in the job of Pope," Mr. Lafontaine taine, already emertains said sarcastically. That is oance Minister Oskar Lafonthoughts about leaving after as the strongest figure in gov-ernment after. Chancellor mature" to debate the sucministry's authority.

If Mr. Lafontaine were to be appointed. Europe would have a Socialist at its head. reflecting that 11 of the 15 EU governments have left-lean-

German government member risited Paris and unofficially landed out the French govemment over a plan for Mr. Lafontaine to replace the European Commission pres- commission posts and their rision as a weakened leader. ident, Jacques Santer, when president it has several ar- Mr. Lafontaine, who is

ment" with Mr. Schroeder. The reports touched off stir because Mr. Lafontaine FRANKFURT — Politicians across Europe were expense of Italy, which has
caught off guard Thursday by
enjoyed assurances that Roreports that Bonn's new gov mano Prodi, its respected erument might push for a German to become the European ranked as the front-numer. By

Rumor on Lafontaine Stuns Europe

Union's chief executive.

Union's chief executive.

If the reports are confirmed, they would reflect the line for the top commission In Bonn, Paris and Brussels, officials dismissed the

reports as rumor and spec-And it would mean that ulation but stopped short of

what you should report." less than a month on the job. In Paris, the EU European Mr. Lafontaine, who is seen affairs minister, Pierre Mo-Gerhard Schroeder, earned cession. But top EU postings the nickname "shadow ehan-already are on the agenda in cellor." after he expanded the January when Germany takes ministry's authority over the revolving six-month over the revolving six-month presidency, said Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn of France.

"It is oormal that candi-dates come into the open," Mr. Strauss-Kahn said. "We According to the respected shall see which candidate weekly newspaper Die Zeit, a emerges during the European summit in Cologne on June 5,



Oskar Lafontaine at the Bundestag on Thursday.

Mr. Schroeder arguably has the most to gain from parting with Mr. Lafontaine, who has dominated the new gov-By holding the EU pres- ernment's policy and person- that Mr. Lafontain idency, Germany will be able nel decisions and made Mr. allies would prefer. to steer the debate on the 19 Schroeder the object of de-

Mr. Lafontaine, who is his term ends in January guments in its favor.

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Commission leadership only launch of the euro in January, once before, from 1958 to which could magnify the au1967, under Waher Hallstein. thority of any EU head.

The Finance Ministry itself threatens' to become a thankless job in an era of austerity, harring big-spending plans that Mr. Lafontaine's leftist

Mr. Lafontaine appears to enjoy the support of the French, who like his stateinterventionist and demand-

To the French, who cannot make a claim on the top EU job because a Frenchman, The Bild newspaper said the front lines of EU expanMr. Lafontaine was weighing sion into Central and Eastern the post under a "silent agree- Europe, Germany held the EU Commission just after the taine is the next best thing.

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Denial in Dublin Murder Trial

DUBLIN — The 34-year-old Dublin man accused of helping murder Veronica Guerin said at his trial Thursday that he had nothing to do with the June 1996 killing, in which the prominent Irish journalist was shot five times in the chest by two men on a motorcycle as she sat in her car, Paul (Hippo) Ward also denied that he liad confessed to

getting rid of the 357 Magnum murder weapon and the motorcycle after the crime.

The trial, now in its third week, has refocused national attention on the murder, giving an unusual look into Dublin drug-dealing and an examination of Ms. Guerin's aggressive crime reporting.

An Ulster Cease-Fire Certified

BELFAST - The British government accepted as genuine Thursday the six-month-old cease-fire by the Loyalist Volunteer Force, a Protestant militia in Northern Ireland. After Parliament approves the government certification, imprisoned members of the militia, once considered the most hard-line of all the Protestant paramilitaries, will qualify for early release. The Northern Ireland secretary, Mo Mowlam, said of the group: "I am now satisfied that they have established a complete and unequivocal cease-fire."

But Ms. Mowlam said she was not ready to recognize cease-fires declared by the Irish National Liberation Army and the Real IRA, two Irish Republican Army splinter

Recover Bodies, Ferry Panel Says

STOCKHOLM — Divers should try to recover as many bodies as possible from the Baltic Sea ferry Estonia that sank in 1994, killing 852 people, a government-appointed panel recommended Thursday.

Ingvar Carlsson, then prime minister, promised four years ago to recover bodies, but the next government

decided to leave the 757 missing bodies buried at sea. After the government decided to entomb the wreck, many victims' relatives demanded that the bodies be recovered. The wreck lies about 54 meters (180 feet) below the surface 100 kilometers south of the Finnish port of Turku.

EU Studies Limiting Antibiotics

BRUSSELS — The European Commission on Thursday proposed banning four antibiones from animal feed because of fears they could cause the buildup of resistance in humans. A spokesman for the European Unioo's executive body said EU scientists would consider the proposal, with a

decision not likely within a month. Bacitracin Zinc, Spiramycin, Virginia Mycin and Tylosin Phosphate, the antibiotics under consideration, are added to feed to stimulate the healthy growth of animals and increase

But there is mounting scientific evidence that use of the antibiotics increases the resistance humans have to them or to similar compounds. Public health and agricultural lobby groups bave stepped up calls for a ban.

U.S. Piqued by Free-Lance Diplomacy

Official's Brother-in-Law Had Unauthorized Talks in Bosnia, Report Says

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The ance with U.S. policy. U.S. State Department intervened last summer to cut off a round of unauthorized, freeland, diplomacy in Bosnia by Cody Shearer, the brother-inlaw of Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, according to senior State Depart-

ment officials. The officials said the dewife, Brooke Shearer, and the nior officials said. brother of a former U.S. amthat the United States would stitute support the partition of Bosnia the purported partition plan.

The United States has long opposed the partition of Bos-friends at the Hague tribinal in

Ambassador Robert Gelbard, the official responsible tion that might lead to the cap-for overseeing implementature of war crimes suspects. tion of the Bosnian peace agreement, told the leaders of Shearer's reported plan had no backing in Washington. Mr. Talbott himself finally wrote a letter to Mr. Shearer asking him to cease his ac-

rities, officials said. Earlier, Mr. Shearer had reportedly been negotiating dicted by the International Hagne. U.S. officials said they tolerated that - without Gore, presided over by Repknowing whether Mr. Shearer resentative Dan Burton, Re-

had any prospect of success publican of Indiana.

— because the capture of Mr. Mr. Bossie produ Karadzic would be in accord-

But when word filtered back to Washington of the parnition discussions — which re-portedly had elicited expres-sions of interests from the Bosnian Muslim leadership -"we said, enough is enough," a senior official said.

At no time was Mr. Shearer authorized to negotiate on bepartment was responding to half of the U.S. government, reports from diplomats in the and Mr. Talbott knew nothing half of the U.S. government, region that Mr. Shearer — the of his activities until he was twin brother of Mr. Talbott's informed by Mr. Gelbard, se-

Mr. Shearer, who describes bassador 10 Finland; Derek himself as a free lance jour-hearer — was relling Bos-man Serb and Muslim leaders ington office known as the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resand was even showing maps of olution, said the entire story was "crazy" and "absurd." contact with a physicist from Montenegro who had informa-

He said he knew nothing of agreement, told the leaders of any supposed partition plan-all Bosnian factions that Mr. He also said that Mr. Talbott wrote him a letter saying that people were "misconstruing" the family connection, but that it "made no sense."

"I couldn't figure out what

he was talking about," Mr.

Shearer said. Mr. Shearer's alleged acthrough a Bosnian contact for tivities in Bosnia were reportthe surrender of the former ed this month by David Bosnian Scrb leader Radovan Bossie, the former chief in-Karadzic, who has been in-vestigator for the House inquiry into the campaign ac-War Crimes Tribunal in the uvities of President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al

Mr. Bossie produces "The Dave Bossie Investigative Re-

port," an Internet newsletter. The Shearer story appeared in the first edition of the newsletter and was excerpted in the

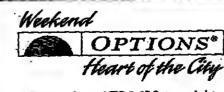
Washington Times. The web of connections among the players in this mini-drama goes beyond Bosnia. While Mr. Bossie once worked for Mr. Burton. Brooke Shearer worked with Terry Lenzner, an investigator who was hired by lawyers for Mr. Clinton in connection with the White House sex scandal. Cody Shearer said published reports that be, too. Verification Mission.

worked for Mr. Lenzner were

U.S. Mediator Returns

The U.S. mediator, Christopher Hill, returned to Kosovo Thursday saying he wanted "to move ahead as quickly as possible" in the search for a political solution in the province. Repters re-

ugoslavia. I think we made a lot of progress on the agreement but we have a loog way to go,"
Mr. Hill said after a meeting with the U.S. envoy William Walker, chief of the Kosovo



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It Seeks Bids to Build Homes for Jews in Arab Part of Jerusalem

By Lee Hockstader Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM — Less than 24 hours month after nine days of talks mediated by President Bill Clinton. Middle East peace plan, the Israeli government took a decisive step Thursday toward building a huge Jewish neighborhood in the traditionally Arab part of Jerusalem despite bitter opposition by the Palestinians.

It was Israel's decision to break peace-making.

Thursday, despite repeated requests from the Clinton administration to refrain from provocative acts, Prime Minjournalists. ister Benjamin Netanyahu's government asked for bids to build the first 1,025 homes in a project that would evennually house 30,000 Jews.

The Har Homa housing project, on a pine-covered hill that Arabs call Jabal Abu Gbeneim, is the first major effort to change the political geography of Arab-territorial concessions he made in Wash-cording to Reuters. change the political geography of Arab-populated East leaves learn since Israeli-Palestinian negotiations began in 1993.

enough to derail the land-for-security peace plan, which was revived last

timate status of Jerusalem, which Arabs and Jews alike regard as their rightful capital, to be negotiated in final talks anyahu has insisted that as far as he is concerned, Jerusalem is Israel's eternal

'I've said for the last two years Har Homa will be built by the year 2000," Mr. Netanyahu told a group of foreign

"It's an issue not only of community needs but of sovereignty. Har Homa is predominantly Jewish land."

ington last month. Israel is to hand over a further 13 percent of the West Bank to Although building a large Jewish the Palestinians in return for Yasser Araneighborhood there infuriates Palestinfat's pledge that his Palestinian Authorinet approved the plan on Wednesday.

ians, it is not clear whether it would be ity will wage war on terrorist groups.

enough to derail the land-for-security

That deal bas threatened to wreck Mr. Netanyahu's conservative coalition and has led to a rebellion in his Likud party. President Bill Clinton. Mindful of the threat to his leadership, The Oslo accord of 1993 left the ulmoves among hard-liners in the Parliament to call new elections.

The invitation for construction bids between the two sides. But Mr. Net- Thursday covered the first 1.025 of some 6,000 homes planned for Jews at the site. The neighborhood, which would include ground for infrastructure on the disputed and indivisible capital and that construction decisions here are Israel's exclusive tels and a public swimming pool, would right.

The neighborhood, which would be indivisible capital and that construction decisions here are Israel's exclusive tels and a public swimming pool, would come close to completing the enpeace-making.

"I've said for the last two years Har neighborhoods.

That would block their evolution as capital of the state that Palestinians hope to establish during the peace process.

Ross to Return

But Mr. Netanyahu's decision to go forward with Har Horna was widely seen as a concession to his right-wing co-alicon parmers, who fiercely oppose the

Mr. Ross had been planning another Mideast mission for more than a week but the Palestinians in return for Yasser Ara- his travel was delayed until Israel's cab-



An Israeli soldier fitting a gas mask at a distribution center in Jerusalem on Thursday. Sixty-five such centers were opened around the country.

Israelis Start Distributing Gas Masks

JERUSALEM - The Israeli Army opened gas mask distributions: centers Thursday in preparation for a possible attack by Iraq, thought a senior adviser to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahn said the probability of Israel being targeted was close to zero.

The Palestinians, meanwhile, urged the United States to exhaust the diplomatic option. "Thope and orge that there will not be an amack against Iraq," Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, told The Jen-

Mr. Arafat supported Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader, in the 1991 Gulf War in which Iraq fired 39 Soud missiles at Israel. However, the Palestinians have remained neatral in subsequent crises.

Mr. Netanyahu met with top ministers Thursday to discuss Israeli preparedness for a possible U.S.

strike that might trigger an Iraqi attack oo Israel On Thursday, the army opened 65 gas mask distribution centers

around the country, the army spokesman's office said. The number will gradually be increased to 150 centers that will be open 24

peared unlikely to undertake a new mis-sion following Iraq's failure to respect

Iraq angered many countries by fail-

ing to observe the earlier accord, and its friends on the UN Security Council,

the support of Gulf Arah states.

ability about force being used."

"Saddam has no option left now but

to comply," Mr. Robertson said. "If he

continues to defy world opinion, there

The government justified its threat of

military action by saying that Mr. Sad-

dam would be capable of mounting a

biological attack on short notice. A three-page Defense Ministry briefing paper released by the government said

lraq almost certainly retained stocks of

biological weapons and agents, and could still be hiding some Scud missiles. Iraq, it said, "has the expertise and

equipment to regenerate an offensive

will be an inevitability, a sad inevit-

comply. The choice is his."

the earlier agreement.

ALGERIA: Joint Military Exercise Strengthens Ties With U.S.

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1992, when the government canceled elections and banned the leading opposition party. The new U.S. approach, they said, could lead hard-liners to believe they have Washington's tacit backing.
"This is a bad move," said John

Entelis, an Algerian expert at Fordham University in New York. "The situation is so fluid. There's so much uncertainty. It's a mistake when we're perceived to be on one side, when an even-handed approach is cost-free to us.

In August, Admiral Thomas Lopez, then commander-in-chief of U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, became the first highranking American officer to visit Algiers. On Oct. 4, the U.S. and Algerian navies conducted a small search-andresone exercise in the Mediterranean, their first bilateral exercise since Algerian independence in 1962.

requests for more exercises and training. It invited U.S. officers on a tour of two air force training centers, began negotiadons on U.S. submarine transit rights and offered use of a large training range for U.S. warplanes, according to several U.S. military officials.

"Certainly there is an interest in having a closer relationship with the U.S. military in terms of training and their experience," said Ramtane Lamanua. Algeria's ambassador to the United States, "I think there will be an increase in training."

While private U.S. investment in Algeria stands at \$2 billion, mostly in the oil and natural gas industries, until this year U.S. direct aid amounted to \$61,000 in funds for international military education

The Algerian military responded with proved the commercial sale of a radar control system and agreed to allow the Algerians to buy more U.S. military training through the expanded-IMET program, which focuses on nonlethal training for midlevel officers.
U.S. officials went ahead with the

exercises after Algeria allowed a United Nations human rights commission into the country for a much-restricted, but

■ Rebels Suspected in Attacks

Suspected Muslim rebels slashed the others overnight in the most serious atsecurity forces said Thursday, Renters forces said the attack occurred at a ham-

throats of 17 people and wounded three tack against civilians in two months, reported from Algiers. The security and training, known as IMET funds.

This year officials doubled the IMET program to \$125,000. Washington apmiles) southwest of Algiers.

IRAQ: Both Sides Harden Positions as U.S. Continues Buildup Continued from Page 1

referring to the UN Security Council. "And I don't think be has got those conditions today.

That is not to say he would not be available if the council asks him to do something. But at the moment be has no

plans to go to Baghdad." Mr. Annan is scheduled to meet with Security Council members Friday. Mr. Lockhart said that U.S. officials prefer a peaceful solution," but added, There's really nothing to negotiate

President Saddam could end the crisis by resuming cooperation with UN inspectors, be said.

Administration officials said that Mr. Clinton, who has met repeatedly with his national security advisers in recent days, could issue an order to strike at any time. Mr. Lockbart said the president had not canceled plans for an Asia trip next week

but could do so if the crisis dictated it. On Thursday, Mr. Clinton phoned the leaders of Germany, Sweden, Belgium and the Netherlands, as he continued seeking support for U.S. handling of the crisis. Administration officials said they

were finding backing around the globe. "The whole world sees Iraq to blame and Iraq as being responsible for the current crisis," Mr. Rubin said. He and other U.S. officials warmly

welcomed a statement from the eight Arab states that cautioned lraq to cooperate with the UN or bear the consequences of defiance.

The Iraqi government will be solely responsible for all repercussions resulting from its decision to block Unscom from carrying out its inspections trans-parently," said a declaration from the members of the Gulf Cooperation Council — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emir-

ates — joined by Syria and Egypt.

Mr. Rubin described the declaration, issued in Doha, Qatar, as part of an international "clarion call on Iraq."

The statement gave no indication whether any of the Arab countries would join in a U.S.-led military operation against Iraq. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

spoke Thursday to her counterparts in Germany, Slovenia, Portugal, France and Japan, Mr. Rubin said, and had concluded "that the rest of the world very clearly has placed responsibility on "The planet is our bome, and to preserve it is our responsibility," Mr. Menem said in declaring Argentina's in-

the shoulders of Iraq."
U.S. officials said that it was not too late for Iraq to resume ecoperation with

- but brushed aside the ootion that there Mr. Annan, who in February met with Mr. Saddam in Baghdad and brokered an accord to end the previous crisis, apwas anything for Mr. Annan or anyone else to negotiate.

"The responsibility is not the secretary-general's and not the Security Connsaid Peter Burleigh, the acting U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. "What is needed now is a positive Iraqi response. That is how to defuse the

Similarly, Secretary Cohen said: including France and Russia, have been "We're not seeking to go to war. We're more reticent about expressing their supseeking to avoid it. All he has to do is port this time.

ALLY: Blair Issues Tough Warning to Iraq rry, and the Foreign Office urged news organizations not to send journalists to

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Iraq.
Mr. Blair's warning was backed up by
Defense Secretary George Robertson,
who returned Thursday to London after a
visit to Kowait and Bahrain to shore up in London. He said European governments were "exasperated" by Iraq's abrogation of the weapons-inspection agreement worked out earlier this year by the UN secretary-general, Kofi An-

"What diplomatic solution is there? There isn't one right now," Mr. Taylor

"That's why you're not hearing objections from the French now." A spokesman for Mr. Blair said, There's a different atmosphere now, adding, "There's an acceptance that the international community invested so much in the agreement that Kofi Annan

obtained, and now that Saddam has vi-olated it, the frustration is widespread." A senior Foreign Ministry official emphasized that Britain was striving to avoid any accusations that it was siding

too closely with Washington. Foreign Secretary Robin Cook biological warfare capability within briefed European Union foreign min-weeks. isters on the Iraqi situation at a meeting in Brussels on Monday and obtained their support for a condemnation of and a sp Iraq's UN violation. would de One thing we have done this time is Iraq if eff make a particular effort to make sure our tion fail.

European colleagues were up to speed on this," the official said.

The U.S.-oegotiated agreement on Kosovo, which came after the threat of NATO air strikes, also has affected European thinking, this official said. That deal "has made a lot of Europeans

belped by his announcement last month that he was prepared to discuss the cre-ation of a defense capability for the European Union, a longtime British taboo. The government meanwhile advised

feel that we need a sharper, more mus-cular foreign policy." Mr. Blair's position also has been

Mr. Blair discussed the paper at the government's weekly cabinet meeting and a spokesman said British planes

would definitely join in any attack on Iraq if efforts to reach a diplomatic solu-Britain has 12 Tomado jets stationed

in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, a small but symbolically important presence along-side a U.S. force that is building toward 300 aircraft.

Schroeder Pleads With Iraq

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder urged Irag on Thursday to allow UN inspectors to carry out their work in order to achieve a diplomatic solution to the conflict, Reviers reported from Bonn.
"I most strongly urge the Iraqi lead-

ership to fulfill comprehensively the resolutions of the UN Security Court," Unscom — the UN weapons inspectors all its citizens in Iraq to leave the coun-

WARM: Washington Endorses Kyoto Environmental Agreement

CHIRAC VISITS MEXICO - President Jacques Chirac of France, left, joking with President Ernesto

Zedillo of Mexico during the official welcome Thursday. Mr. Chirac hopes his visit will improve trade ties.

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countries like China and India whose own greenhouse gas emissions. emissions are growing fast continue to

resist doing so.

'The president has chosen a risky path both domestically and internationally," said Connie Holms, the chairwoman of the Global Climate Coalition, which represents major industry groups opposed to the treaty.

She said that signing the treaty rejected the advice of the Senate, which voted last year not to sign unof the developing nations took on commitments. Signing the treaty, she said, gave away nego-tiating leverage with the Third World.

Senator Chuck Hagel, a co-author of the Senate resolution last year, said the signing "hlatantly contradicts the will of the United States Senate" and dared President Bill Clinton to submit it to the be submitted to the Senate for an open. honest debate," he said.

Environmental groups praised the

signing, but said that so far the United States was not doing enough to cut its own greenhouse gas emissions. through by the Clintum administration, which is pressing developing countries to share more of the burden for pro-

"Without a more vigorous commitment to domestic action, U.S. demands for more acoon by developing countries are like a chain-smoking parent telling his children that smoking is bad for them," said John Adams, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council. an environmental advocacy group.

■ Argentina Makes the First Step Johy Warrick of The Woshington Post reported earlier:

President Carlos Saul Menem of Argentina reinvigorated the climate negotiations by committing his country to cutting. "greenhouse gas" emissions in the first such pledge by a developing country since last year's global warming treaty.

Senate, which must approve any treaty by a two-thirds vote. If this treaty is good enough to sign, it's good enough to global warming: getting developing countries to take more responsibility.

not expected to be debated before next

week, but a decision from a coalition

on withdrawing from the government

was expected sooner. The crisis began

Wednesday when a businessman said

to have organized-crime connections

Mr. Yilmaz denied any wrongdo-

ing, saying he had been trying to keep the mafia out of the deal and get the

best price possible. Three Turkish gov-

ernments have collapsed since the

main Islamic party won the elections in

1995. New elections are now planned

for April. If the prime minister resigns,

vatization of a state-run bank.

ANKARA - A key ally defected to

Turkey's fourth coalition government

in three years to the edge of collapse.

A coalition partner, meanwhile, de-

Party, Deniz Baykal, filed a no-confidence motion Thursday against

Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz, siding

with two opposition parties that made

him, Mr. Yilmaz's 16-month-old gov-

emment has little chance of survival.

With the Republicans turning on

The motions accuse Mr. Yilmaz of

bated withdrawing its support.

similar motions Wednesday.

the opposition Thursday, bringing partner, the Democratic Turkey Party,

The head of the Republican People's said Mr. Yilmaz had rigged the pri-

abusing his power and being linked to President Suleyman Demirel could ap-

organized crime. The motions were point a caretaker government.

U.S. Christians Protest Persecution Overseas

tecting earth's climate.

tention to adopt targets for restricting

emissions over the next 13 years.

By Laurie Goodstein New York Times Service NEW YORK - In a cramped loft apartment in Macungie, Pennsylvania, a Mr. Menem's announcement Wedgrassroots group that includes a mechanic, a retired teacher, a physician and a concrete salesman gathers every Tues-

day to pray for what they call Christian and marryrs around the world who are vic- churches have had a timized, raped and killed for their faith. The move was hailed as a break-In Highlands, Colorado, volunteers fill a Presbyterian church hall to hear a secuted Christians. Nigerian refugee testify that Muslims in first emerged about his village back home tied him to a tree. two years ago in the **Turkish Coalition Near Collapse** beat him and left him for dead, all be- conservative and

> In Austin, Texas, 5,000 people march through the streets singing hymns to honor the Christians they are told are aries. suffering in countries like China, Saudi Arabia and Sudan.

cause he tried to preach the Gospel of

Slowly and without much publicity, a new kind of solidarity movement is gaining force among Christians across the United States,

Their focus is what they call "the persecuted church" - the fellow Christians throughout the world who they say have been targets of abuse solely be-cause of their faith. The concern has grown as Christian-

ity has sprouted up in parts of the world long cultivated by other faiths, resulting

groups that what outsiders often label Christian persecution is often a complex brew of racial, economic, poliocal, tribal and religious rivalries.

of tortured pastors Christians are now

powerful effect. Concern about pervictims and martyrs of the moment. evangelical

Christian tight. But now it is transcend-donated Bibles and gathering testimony ing denominational and political bound- of suffering to take back to their con-Churches that have long found them-

selves on opposing sides in the debates succeeded in persuading the Senate to over abortion or homosexuality are finding common cause in the fight against Christian persecution. 'All Christians everywhere, the body

of Christ, are really one body, so if one part is feeling pain, we should all be feeling pain, said Amy Wieman, who is the host of the prayer group in her apartment in Pennsylvania each Tuestons. President Bill Clinton signed the day. "The Christian woman raped to bill into law on Oct. 27. Egypt, that is my sister. The guy shot in Pakistan, that is my brother.

The movement has gained mo- say they never paid much attention to Evangelicals.

mentum despite the advice from inter-national scholars and some foreign-aid ginning to exert its influence on U.S. imal than it is political, the antidote often foreign policy. They are lobbying cities to stop doing

business with nations that they say persecute Christians. They are writing let-Nevertheless, very real photographs ters to countries - some of whose names they cannot pronounce - demanding the release of Christian prisonseeing themselves as the

> the coffers of groups that aid persecuted Christians, And they are traveling to

They are swelling

churches usually associated with the refugee camps in Africa and Asia, taking gregations in Ohio or California.

Last month, this fledgling movement pass by unanimous vote the International Religious Freedom Act, which

"Human rights is now no longer the prerogative only of the left," said Rich -.

promoted is prayer. On Sunday, as many as 100,000 U.S. churches — about a third of the churches in the nation - are expected to participate in the Interns tional Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, an annual event that began two years ago in just 5,000 churches.

Organizers of the Day of Prayer say the event will be observed by a broad array of congregations that rarely find themselves allied, including Methodist. Southern Baptist, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Orthodox and Salvation Army churches.

As a result, from both the theological left and right, a consensus is emerging. After decades of soul-searching over the indifference or even complicity of some Christians in the Holocaust and in genocidal wars in Rwanda and Bosina, Christians are seeing themselves as the victims and martyrs of the moment.

requires the president to take action against countries that the State Department finds are violating the religious persecution to the Holocaust. They in church services, in literature and in quote from Anne Frank and Elie Wiesel And for moral reinforcement, they frequently note that it is two fews - Mi-chael Horowitz, director of the consevative Hudson Institute, and A.M. Rosenthal, a columnist at The New York Times - who have been raising the Now a wide swath of Americans who and Cizik of the National Association of loudest protests about the persecution of Christians:

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Michael West, left, Jose Cibella and Jim Robl of Advanced Cell Technology, which says it grew a human nucleus placed inside a cow egg, a novel technique that could be used to develop organs for transplant.

Cells, Half-Human and Half-Cow

Construction of Embryonic Form Troubles Ethicists and Scientists

By Nicholas Wade New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Venturing deep into uncharted realms of ethics and medicine, a small biotechnology company has announced that its scientists have for the first time made human cells revert to the primordial, embryonic state from which all other cells develop, by fusing them with cow eggs and creating a hybrid cell.

The research comes from biologists who are well known in their field, but it has yet to be confirmed or even published in a scientific journal. Their company, Advanced Cell Technology of Worcester, Massachusetts, said the method could eventually be used to grow replacement body tissues of any kind from a patient's own cells, sidestepping the increasing scarcity of organs available for transplant and the

buman and part cow, consisting of a human cell's nucleus inside a cow egg whose own nucleus has been removed. The company said the hybrid cell quickly became more humanlike as the human nucleus took control and displaced cow proteins with human proteins. Creation of the embryonic cells is an important component of a strategy that in principle offers high medical benefits if it can overcome a doubtless

high barrier to public acceptance. The technique involves creating an embryo of uncertain moral status, one that crosses the barrier between humans and other species. Even though the hybrid is in the form of cells, not a whole organism, the concept of halfhuman creatures arouses deeps anxiety, as is evident from the unfriendly powers ascribed to werewolves, centaurs, mermaids, Minotaurs and other

problems of immune rejection. Characters of myth and folklore.

The technique is likely to concern "Many people are going to be liorethicists because it involves the crerified by this scenario," said Thomas

ation of an embryonic cell that is part Murray, director of the center for biomedical ethics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and a member of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. "Others will say, 'So what?' This is the sort of thing that makes me very uncomfortable."

Another serious uncertainty is the preliminary nature of the company's work. No article has yet been submitted for peer review and publication in a scientific journal, an essential touchstone of credibility. Scientists asked about the company's work said they would require much more proof before believing that buman embryonic stemlike cells had been created, as claimed, and some were skeptical the technique would work at all.

The company said it had achieved the feat announced Wednesday with one cell three years ago. Michael West, chief executive of Advanced Cell Technology, said he was announcing the work done to date in order to test its public acceptability.

Lavish Habits Linger On in Brazil

nancial crisis.

By Diana Jean Schemo New York Times Sering

BRASILIA -- In late August, as South America panicked at the poasibility that Brazil's economy would follow Russia's into default, the govemment here scrambled for ways to protect the country's shrinking foreign reserves.

The government announced billions of dollars of spending cuts and tax in-ereases, and started discussing a bailout with the International Monetary Fund.

Communications Minister Luiz Caros Mendonca de Barros went to Madrid, where he persuaded Telefonica SA to advance Brazil the next \$3 billion payment toward the Spanish company's purchase of a Brazilian state-owned telephone system. But back home, Mr. Men-

donca de Barros took delivery of four Persian kilims to decorate his office. billing the government \$4,000. That was a modest sum compared with the \$38,000 that the Supreme Court which will probably have to rule on a number of sacrifices Brazilians are called on to make in the name of austerity - forked over for Persian rugs a few months before.

In Pernanibuco, the capital of Brazil's poverty-stricken northeast, the Federal District Court bought \$6,500 in top-of-the-line decorative accent pieces, including wooden vases and fruit bowls costing \$500 each. Here in Brasilia, Congress is spending \$1 million to build a most around itself.

And the presidents of the House and Senate agreed to shower maximum benefits on the 594 lawmakers who will attend a special session to debate govemment cutbacks and tax increases. paying them \$47,000 for three months - a sum that the majority of Brazilian workers, making less than \$330 a month, would need at least 11 years to

As the Brazilian government hoists the banner of austerity and finishes negotiations for an IMF-led standby loan. the gap between the government's calls for sacrifice and its spending practices

country whose leaders spend lavishly on furnishings or perks, but some leading economists, like Paulo Rabello de Casito of the Rio de Janeiro-based Atlantic Institute, say that systematic government overspending is so serious here that it lies at the heart of Brazil's fi-

An undisciplined government soaks up ctedit, they say, choking growth of the private sector.

A review of purchase orders from every branch of government, obtained by The New York Times from a mem-

Spending on health, education and other unimportant things is being cut. The country has lost its reason!

> ber of the Brazilian Congress concerned about excessive spending, along with official budget figures and spending regulations, suggest that the government has taken minimal steps to control spending, despite the crisis that has been rolling toward this nation since last autumn, when the central bank doubled interest rates in reaction to the crisis in Thailand.

In category after category, government spending has gone up this year. The executive branch spent \$221.8 million on travel between January and August this year, compared with last year's \$206.6 million, Salaries and benefits in the federal judiciary were up 42.8 percent by this August over last, rising to \$4.7 billion from \$3.2 billion. Federal legislative branch salaries rose 10.6 percent, while those for the military jumped 20.3 percent.

At a time of tax increases and pension cutbacks, press reports of loose spending are drawing angry criticism.

Investments are being cut," Sylka dos Santos Carneiro, a reader outraged at a report of government spending on travel, wrote to the Rio daily Jornal do Brasil. "Spending on health, education and other 'unimportant things' is being cut. The country has lost its reason!"

Augusto Carvalho, an opposition

appears striking. Brazil is not the only—congressman and longtime watchdog of government waste, said senior officials should set an example of restraint for iunior workers. The Congress itself, he noted, was appealing a recent court ruling against the \$47,000 special pay-

"If we're going to the IMF for S30 billion, it's the Brazilian people who are co-signing that loan," Mr. Carvalho said. "The government shouldn't spend for anything that's not absolutely nec-

Claudia Costim, the minister of ad-ministration and state reform, said the government needed to cut ex-

penses and "moralize" them. David Fleischer, a professor at the Federal University of Brasilia and the president of the Brazilian chapter of Transparency finemational, said that after

October's national elections, the government cut the budget for auditing and tax collection, citing the need for austerity. He said such cuts were often a way of thanking major campaign donors, but Brazil could not afford such largesse now.

It's not even shooting yourself in the foot," he said. "It's shooting your-

self in the head." Others have pointed out that the \$7 billion in budget cuts, announced as part of a \$23.5 billion austerity package recently, are not all based on actual savings, but on cuts to a pre-election budget for 1999. That budget counted on 4 percent economic growth, instead of the percent shrinkage the government now forecasts for 1999.

In that vein, Supreme Court President Jose Celso de Mello Filho boasted of slashing 20 percent from the court's 1999 budget. But that was after initially raising it by 23 percent, he acknowl-

edged. Mr. Mello also said the \$38,000 in Persian carpets the court bought for its salon were necessary because visiting dignitaries frequently dropped in.

Cesar Borges, a spokesman for Mr. Mendonca de Barros, also said Persian carpets were justified at the Communications Ministry, since foreign visitors dropped in there,

U.S. Right Ponders New Tack for 2000

By Thomas B. Edsail

WASHINGTON — The setbacks. suffered by social and religious con-servatives in the election last week have forced strategists on the right to seriously consider what they once thought impossible: that they might be out of touch with the electorate as they plan for

For some Republicans and conservative interest-group leaders, the election raised nagging doubts about the political viability of social-issue conservatism. In private, some Republican operatives acknowledge that if the country is becoming more tolerant on moral issues, including sexual infidelity, it could mean trouble for Republican presidential candidates planning on making a call for a moral revival the centerpiece of their campaigns. Those possible can-didates include Senator John Ashcroft of Missouri, former Vice President Dan Quayle and Malcolm Forbes.

Capturing the Republican nomination may well involve appealing to a generally conservative primary elector-ate bungry for denunciations of Pres-ident Bill Clinton's sexual activities, but emphasis on moral issues could alienate general election voters, many of whom see the Republican focus on the Clinton scandal as an intrusion into private mor-

In 1980, Ronald Reagan - a convative - proved that a candidate were had been divorced could still become president, breaking a barrier that had blocked earlier candidates such as Nelson Rockefeller. Incredulous conservatives are now worried that the public's hostile reaction to the investigation by the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, of Mr. Clinton's relatiouship with Monica Lewinsky may have pushed other moral standards, including marital fidelity, off the table.

Whit Ayres, an Atlanta-based Republican pollster who saw two South Carolina clients with ties to the religious right. Governor David Beasley and a Senate nominee, Bob Inglis, take a beating, said the libertarian instincts of America. ican voters might be gaining strength. There are two competing strains in

the United States, said Mr. Ayres: religious conservatism and, "on the other hand, a libertarian strain: 'I can determine for myself right and wrong and I certainly don't need politicians de-termining that for me.

These two strains "coexist side by

side, but we are seeing a resurrection of that libertarian strain," he said. Mr. Ayres said he was not sure, but the voters might be undergoing a process of "defining morality down."

"Let's at least admit to entertain that hypothesis," he said.

Mr. Ayres noted that one of his own blients, Michael Bowers, a former Georgia attorney general, almost forced a runoff in the state's Republican gubernatorial primary, even though he admitted to a long-term affair.

James Dobson, head of Focus on the Family and a powerful voice of the right. fears the electorate may have crossed a

dangerous moral tipping point. Citing the voters' unwillingness to voice disapproval of Mr. Clinton at the ballot box, the defeat of a host of Re-

"My greatest concern is not with the Oval Office or Capitol Hill. My greatest reason for being depressed today is the American people. The country has lurched to the left. It was not that long ago that Gary Hart had to drop out because of one episode. Here, 10 years later, people don't seem to care. There has been a radical change in the moral tone of the country."

Bill Kristol, a former aide to Mr. Quayle who helped engineer the 1994 Republican victory and oow edits the Weekly Standard, said: "One can think

publican candidates with ties to reli- of a lot of excuses and complex argious conservatives and voter rejection guments about why the American in two states of bans on late-term abor-tions. Mr. Dobson said:

people gave Clinton a pass, but the brutal fact of the election was that it was a huge victory for Clinton."

Mr. Kristol added: "Every Puritan or neo-Puritan moment in modern history was preceded by a more libertarian moment. is Clinton the wave of the future, or is Clinton the last gasp of the culture of the 1960s? None of us knuws. Some leaders of the right flatly dis-

pute suggestions that a majority of the electorate may be slipping out of their grasp, arguing, as Randy Tate, executive director of the Christian Coalition puts it, that "moral issues are winning issues in America."

U.S. Officials Say China Still Sells Missile Data

BELING - A team of U.S. officials raised American concerns Thursday that China was continuing to transfer missile technology to countries in Asia,

A U.S. official said two of the beneficiaries were Pakistan and Iran, according to a report by The Associated Press. The U.S. officials, headed by Undersecretary of State John Holum, raised the concerns when they met with senior Chinese arms control and military officials during a day and a half of meetings meant to encourage China to join the Missile Technology Control Regime.

In Will, 'Carlos' **Urges Revenge**

PARIS — Jailed international terrorist "Carlos the Jackal," who Thursday went into the 10th day of a bunger strike, has left a will asking Islamic fighters to avenge him by executing Americans and "Zionists" should be die.

In the will dated Nov. 10, which was released to Agence France-Presse by one of his lawyers, isabelle Coutant-Peyre, Carlos says, 'I am not bitter against France."

"On the other hand my last will as a living martyr is that a U.S. or Zionist enemy be executed for each day I have spent in prison in France, and this is the duty of my comrades, of all the world's Mujahidin and revolutionaries."

Carlos has pledged to starve himself to death should penitentiary authorities refuse to heed his pleas to ease his conditions of solitary confinement

The 49-year-old Venezuelanborn former terrorist was sentenced to life behind bars last December for a triple murder in France and faces further trials for bomb attacks in the 1970s and 1980s.

President Bill Cliuton was told in June by his counterpart, Jiang Zemin, that China would consider joining the important nonproliferation agreement, a development touted as one of the major accomplishments of their meeting. The willingness of U.S. officials to publicly raise the concerns about transfers -which have been voiced privately by American arms control experts shows that the Clinton administration is increasing pressure on China to move more quickly to abide by its commitments to limit its sales of missile tech-

nology.
"We have concerns about possible technology transfers from Chinese en-tities to Iran and Pakistan," a U.S. official traveling with the delegation told.
The AP. "We continue to discuss those with China and believe they are taking steps to address those problems."

The issue of missile lechnology transfers is now more important than ever because Pakistan and India are believed to be developing nuclear-capable missiles after their nuclear test blasts earlier this year. China is closely allied with Pakistan, and has had a sometimes-hostile relationship with India, Pakistan's longtime rival. China and India fought a war in the 1960s, and ties have been further strained because India serves as the base for the Tibetan government in exile lead by the Dalai Lama, which China views as a group of national 'splittists.''

Officials are also concerned about transfers of missile technology to Iran because the radical Islamic regime would be able to interdict shipping in the Gulf and threaten Arab allies of the United States if Tehran possessed accurate medium range missiles.

The U.S. officials would not specify which types of missile technologies were allegedly transferred, nor when the transfer occurred.

The suspicions centered not on the sale of missiles themselves, but rather on technology that is listed in the annex of the Missile Technology Control Re-

China up until now has rejected U.S. entreaties to abide by the annex.



Police guarding the House of Lords in London on Thursday amid displays protesting the Pinochet era. Prosecutors wrapped up their appeal of a ruling granting the former Chilean leader immunity.

U.K. Ruling On Pinochet Is Postponed

LONDON - The House of Lords on Thursday postponed its ruling nn the fate of General Augusto Pinochet, the former Chilean leader, until an unspecified future date. Lord Slynn, presiding on the panel of

five senior judges, said at the end of the six-day hearing: "We will report our opinion to the House in due course." He thanked the lawyers on both sides

for their efforts in "this most important and very difficult case."

The judgment from Britain's highest court will determine if the former leader is to face extradition to Spain — where he faces charges of torture and murder - or can return to Chile a free man. A ruling that upheld General

Pinochet's immunity would also invalidate moves for his extradition in Switzerland, which submitted a formal request Wednesday. The judges have no time limit on their

deliberations, but a British state prosecution lawyer involved in the case said the ruling could be made next week. General Pinochet was arrested on Oct. 16 in London at the request of a Spanish investigating magistrate, who wants to try the former dictator for the murder of more than 3,000 political

opponents and for torture. France Requests Extradition

France officially requested the extradition of General Pinochet on Thursday, the Agence France-Presse reported

from Paris. The Justice Ministry said in a statement that legal documents requesting his extradition from London had been handed over to the Foreign Ministry on Thursday "to be immediately presented by France through diplomatic channels to the proper authorities in Britain."

BRIEFLY

7 Abducted at Nigeria Oil Rig

LAGOS — Militant youths in southeast Nigeria have abducted seven foreigners and one Nigerian from a drilling rigused by Texaco Inc., an official of the U.S. company said

In the attack Wednesday, the youths took away three Americans, one Briton, a Croatian, an Italian, a Nigerian and a South African from a drilling rig under contract to Texaco in the Chioma field in Bayelsa State, part of the Niger Delta, the official, Yusuf N'jie, said.

The attackers, from the Foropah community, "came in boots, boarded and seized control of the rig then left with the hostages," he said. "There were no injuries and no damage was caused to the rig.

Mr. N'jie said those being held were all employed by oil services companies or as contractors and not directly by Texaco. The company did not know where the eight were being held, he added. U.S. and company officials declined to identify any of those being held.

Industry sources said they believed the incident was linked' to demands that Texaco pay compensation to the Foropan community over a recent oil spill.

Zyuganov Assails Anti-Semitism

MOSCOW - The leader of the Russian Communist Party. Gennadi Zyuganov, under fire for his failure to silence a parliamentary deputy's anti-Semitic remarks, said Thursday that he had told the Israeli amhassador in Moscow that his

party deplored anti-Semitism. Mr. Zyuganov said he told the envoy, Zvi Magen, that also wounded three other tourists.

remarks by a Communist member of Parliament, Albert Makashov -- who has called Jews "bloodsuckers" and said they should be rounded up and jailed - were "inappropriate. lacking in self-control and incorrect," Interfax press agency reported. The Israeli Embassy was not immediately available

The remarks, which followed a less precise party statement Wednesday, were Mr. Zyuganov's clearest condemnation of anti-Semitism since his party helped block a measure in the State Duma lower house last week to censure Mr.

Puerto Rico Lawsuit Withdrawn

SAN JUAN, Pueno Rico - An opposition party has withdrawn its tawsuit challenging a vote on possible statehood for Puerto Rico.

The Popular Democratic Party sued the administration of Governor Pedro Rossello in a local court, claiming the ballot was worded to favor statchood.

But the U.S. First Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston ruled Monday that the party's lawsuit belongs in a federal court. Puerto Ricans are set to vote Dec. 13 for statehood, independence or a continued commonwealth.

Swiss Tourist Killed in Mexico

MEXICO CITY - A Swiss tourist was killed when he attempted to videotape a train robbery in the northern border state of Chihuahua, the state police said. Emest Schmidt, 68, was shot three times in the chest and head by the gunmen, who

Overseas

INTERNATIONAL

Even as the Aral Sea Dies, a Dike Revives Hope for a Sandy Corner

By Daniel Williams Washington Post Service

ARALSK, Kazakhstan - Monuments to one of history's severest manmade ecological disasters stand out in sad relief on the coast of what used to be

Ships and fishing boats rust on the borrom of dry harbors from which they once plied placid waters. Empty delta tributaries of the Syr Darya River attest to how the rivers that fed the sea have been mortally bled by intensive irrigation projects upstream.

A cemetery at the fishing village of Kareshalan formerly looked out over reed-filled ponds. Now, salt flats the color of bleached bone provide the

Yet, in the middle of all this — in fact, in the middle of the Aral Sea - stand

the strangest sights of all. Trucks and bulldozers feverishly tote sand to an eight-mile-long dike designed to save a piece of the sea and bring some life back to a morihund neighborhood.

The Aral Sea saga is reaching a curi-ous climax in Kazakhstan, which dreams of oil riches but suffers ecological nightmares from its Soviet past. The new dike is meant to permanently separate the Aral's north basin, which is nourished by the Syr Darva River, from the far larger southern section, which was fed by the nearly defunct Amu Darya River in Uzbekistan.

Promoters of the project acknowledge that by damming up the north branch, they condern the wider lake to

accelerated evaporation. But better the survival of the Linle Sea, as they call it. than oothing. The Aral Sea is dead. Long live the Little Aral Sea.

> Azerbaijan suffers from industrial and oil pollution, and Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan live with poisons from pesticides used to protect Soviet-era cotton fields. In all, money for cleanup is scarce; aid from rich nations has been inad-

> tion of saving the whole sea, a war cry of

environmental groups around the world.

But it is also a reaction to a decade of

expressions of concern from official-

dorn, publicity campaigns, studies and

conferences that hrought precious little

spread across a sprawling territory that touches Russia. China and a cluster of

smaller Central Asian nations to the

south. It bolds potentially large petro-

leum reserves that, along with nearby

Azerbaijan, have made ii a magnet for

oil companies and Western govern-

ments eager to make lucrative explo-

But along with several former Soviet

states, it bears a legacy of gross en-vironmental mistreatment. Ukraine and

Belarus share the tragedy of the

Chernobyl nuclear power explosion, the

Baltic states grapple with dirty rivers,

Kazakhstan's 17 million people are

equate to undo the damage.

Beginning in the 1960s, Soviet planners decided that the Soviet Union must be self-sufficient in cotton. The decision

doomed the Aral Sea. Canals began to suck water from the Syr Darya and Amu Darya rivers, and therefore from the sea itself, for fields mostly in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. At the time, the Aral Sea was a lake smaller in size only to the Caspian Sea, Lake Superior and Lake Victoria, Over the years, the Aral's surface area shrank hy balf, its water volume hy three-quarters. The blotted shoreline became a source of poisonous salts and pesticides blown by unforgiving steppe winds across villages and towns throughout the region. Water tables dropped, and poor farmers and city dwellers alike were forced to rely on either hrackish wells or tank trucks from

afar for drinking water, Soviet engineers knew that massive

The project effectively rejects the noirrigation to produce cotton in Uzbekion of saving the whole sea, a war cry of islan and Turkmenistan eventually would deplete the sea. They even concocted a replenishment plan to divert water from Siberian rivers into it Mikhail Gorbachev, then the Soviet president, dropped the project.

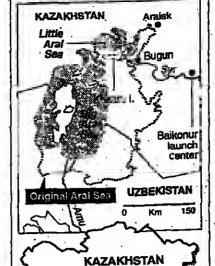
In any case, now that Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan are independent states. what central planning created is in no danger of being undone by uncoordinated governments. The cotton countries need the crops for export. No one here thinks that the intricate and wasteful system of canals and reservoirs is ever going to be modernized or plugged up, even though about half of the diverted

water evaporates or sinks into sand. So the dike project is an effort filled with irony: a small, underfunded and perhaps vain engineering feat meant to correct, in a small way, destruction wrought by a huge and careless irrigation scheme that altered the face of Central Asia, It may seem to outsiders a labor of meager consolation, but for residents who live on the desolate shores of the Linle Sea, the dike offers hope, a commodity as rare here as rain-

Carnel herders, shepherds, rice farmers and former fishermen talk of the microclimatic change they expect. "We have enough desert. We will get mois-ture. Anything will be better than it is now. Fill the Little Sea." said Teleo Kurmuza, a camel breeder in the delta.

The dike is the brainchild of Alesbbaye Avdigazeavich, mayor of Aralsk. He is a rangy shoe-factory-ownerturned-Moses who thinks that parting the seas will revive fishing and sea traffic at his doorstep. "We look a decision." he said in an unapologetic interview, "We can't save the wbole Aral Sea, We can save the Little Sea, and at least revive our farming, our fishing and our lives.

'Lots of researchers say don't do this, don't do that," Mr. Avdigazeavich said, "Well, you don't need a lot of brains to see what ought to be done." He pulled out a pitcher of water, a tea cup and a platter. The pitcher was the river, the cup, the Little Sea, and the platter the



rest of the Aral.

I can fill this cup easily. But if I let the water spill into the platter, the water there evaporates quickly. The cup empties. It's elementary. We must keep the cup full." he said.

His Aralsk was once a seaport. You could call it a dryport now. The sea receded 30 miles from the shore. A crumbling promenade and railings dec-orated with metal sailboats and gulls frame a dusty basin littered with corroded boats.

Kazakh desperation to do something about the Aral Sea is understandable. Few countries are afflicted by worse ecological ills than Kazakhstan. Reearchers blame exposure to agrocbemical wastes from the Aral seabed for a high incidence of anemia, stillbirths, and eye and lung disease among its 16 million people. "This is a liquid Chernohyl," said Lydia Astanina, editor of Greenwomen, an ecological newsletter in Almaty, the capital.

If the disaster on Kazakhstan's westcentral frontier was not enough, the country's eastern region suffers from the painful aftereffects of Soviet nuclear tests. In the Semey region, once the epicenter of Soviet testing, a third of all children are born with birth defects. Cancer deaths increased sevenfold dur-ing the 1980s. Half the population suffers from immune system deficiencies In between these toxic bookends, Ka-

zakhstan remains a kind of Russian shooting gallery. The Russian military launches missiles and other weapons from rented bases onto ranges that extend to the middle of the country. Discarded fuel and stages of missiles fired from Russia's Baikonur space launch center, just to the east of the Aral Sea, befoul the landscape all the way to the northeast border. Oppositioo membe of Parliament have campaigned to close all the Russian bases, but without success. Rental income from Russia brings Kazakhstari needed cash. And revenue from oil exploration near the Caspian Sea is still years away.

Actually finding the sea — Big or

Little - is not easy. A trip from Aralsk to the dike constitutes a journey back in time. After driving south along a bumpy, two-lane paved road, you travel west on dirt surfaces that soon turn into trails of crushed bush and sand; brick houses give way to homes of mud and reed. Forlorn landmarks point the way two marooned fishing boats at the village of Bugun; the beachless cemetery at Kareshalan; dry irrigation ditches, bollow ponds and dunes at Karategan. Everyone laughs when you ask where the Aral Sea is. "Fifty kilometers that way," said an old, bearded man Karategan as he flicked his cigarette toward the setting sun. "Or it might be farther, who knows?"

You must drive onto the Aral seabed to get to the dike. A couple of decades ago. your jeep would be underwater, Don't be fooled by the flat terrain: Holes full of sand the consistency of talcum powder devour the fattest tires. The driver adds to the drama by narrating the dangers: "If we get stuck here, we're finished. Even camels don't come around."

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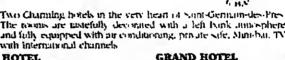


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EDITORIALS/OPINION

Watch Clinton in Malaysia

President Bill Clinton is scheduled to visit Malaysia next week, just as that nation's leader is disgracing himself with a craven crackdown on peaceful opponents. Mr. Clinton is right to go, if events in Iraq do not preclude presidential travel. The occasion is an annual meeting of Asian and North and Latin American heads of state for which Malaysia just happens to be host

But Mr. Clinton should make sure that his visit cannot be seen as an endorsement of President Mahathir bin Mohamad. On the contrary, Mr. Clinion and his team should show Malaysia that they are on the side of democracy and human rights.

The most sensational aspect of Mr. Mahathir's crackdown is the persecution of his onetime protege and former finance minister. Anwar Ibrahim. When Mr. Anwar objected to his president's handling of the continuing financial crisis, including his loud scapegoating of Jews and other outsiders, he found himself arrested on charges of corruption and homosexual activity, a crime under Malaysian law.

Outsiders may not be able to fairly judge the validity of all the charges. But it is fair to note that two key witnesses have now recanted their confessions, saying they were given under duress; that Mr. Anwar himself was heaten unconscious in police custody; and that the government's chief witness, a top police official, has admitted on the witness stand that he concluded some time ago that charges against Mr. Anwar were baseless smears.

Malaysians have rallied to Mr. Anwar's defense — and more broadly to the cause of political reform — as never before in Mr. Mahathir's 17 years of authoritarian rule. In response, Mr. Mahathir has lashed out at bis own people. Malaysia already was a country where more than five people could not gather without a pemut and where police could detain anyone without trial. Now, to discourage demonstrations. the government has threatened to expel students from university, to fire civil servants and — in what may be a new low for dictators — to seize children

from parents who demonstrate.

Remarkably, none of this has squelched the protest movement.

Malaysians continue to seek to assemble peacefully. Though the govemment controls most media, people find ways to spread real news, especially via the Internet. That means that Mr. Clinton's words and acrions will be closely scrutinized. His de-cision to avoid a one-on-one meeting with his host is a welcome first step. Other heads of state have said they will seek to meet with Mr. Anwar or his embattled wife. Mr. Clinton similarly should find ways to demonstrate his support for a rule of law.

- THE WASHINGTON POST

For High-Return Investment, Aid the Right Nations

Washington — Foreign aid is at an all-time low. More than 50 years after the Marshall Plan, development assistance has shrunk to less than a quarter of one percent of major donors' gross cational product, the smallest share ever. Among the reasons for this drop, one stands out: the pervasive assumption, especially among some policymakers, that aid does not work very well.

It is true that aid has been an unmitigated failure under some conditions, but it has also been a spectacular success in others.

A new World Bank research report, "Assessing Aid." released in Paris and London on Tuesday, shows why aid works well, for example, in Bolivia or Uganda, but has linke or no impact in Nigeria or Zambia.

Rather than starting with the ques-tion. "Does aid work?" the report be-gins with the question. "When does aid work best?" The answer is needed urgently. Despite great strides in poverty reduction in the last 50 years. more than a billion people still live in extreme poverty on less than S1 a day. Even more people lack basic services such as clean water, sanitation, electricity and schooling.

The focus on the circumstances under which aid works changes the nature of the debate over foreign aid. Rather than arguing for more aid or less aid. the report suggests that donors should concentrate on promoting effective assistance while scaling back less beneficial activity.

At the same time that our aid budgets have diminished, our aspirations have use it effectively has very real con-

By Joseph Stiglitz

expanded. Fifty years ago, development focused on only one objective: increasing GDP. Today, we seek to increase living standards, improve health and education, and maintain a bealthy environment. We also want development to be equitable and democratic, so that all of society can take part in decision-making and all groups can reap the fruits of progress.
"Assessing Aid" finds that foreign

assistance has the strongest impact oo growth in developing countries with sound policies and institutions - macroeconomic stability, openness to trade, secure property rights and absence of corruption. to name a few important ones.

In countries with poor policies that is, with poor incentives for pro-duction — financial aid has a much weaker impact.

To maximize poverty reduction, financial aid should favor countries such as India, Ethiopia and Uganda, which are poor but have sound economic policies. Since nearly 75 percent of the world's poor live in countries with sound policy environments, targeting assistance to these countries would have a tremendous impact on world poverty.

Yet in 1996, the most recent year for which figures are available, donors gave only small amounts of assistance to countries with good policies. Strong reform nations received less aid per capita

than poor countries with weak policies. Increasing aid to countries that can

weak system might lift about 7 million people out of poverty each year. But if the same amount of money were targeted to poor countries with sound economic policies, the number of people to leave the ranks of the poor would more than triple; to about 25 million. In good policy environments, aid is a highreturn investment.

So why don't countries end foreign aid to poor countries with bad policies? One reason is that donors hope their aid will induce policy reform. Unfortu-nately, money itself bas proved to be quite ineffective in generating reform. Zambia is a typical example. Foreign aid increased steadily, reaching I l per-cent of Zambia's GDP in the early 1990s, after adjustment for inflation. Policy, however, got worse throughout this period. Despite a series of loans from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, there was no substantial improvement in policy until a new government came to power in

Lusaka the early 1990s. There is a great deal the donor com-munity can do to belp the poor and spur reform. In difficult environments, effective assistance must encompass more that just money or projects. It must also focus on ideas or the creation of knowledge. This side of aid is critical for helping countries reform and communities provide public services. such as education, health, and water, most effectively.

Vietnam is an example of bow ideas can sometimes work better than money

sequences for the poor. For example, allocating \$10 billion in aid under a 1980s and was receiving only a small amount of aid from Western donors. less than I percent of GDP. -

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It initiated a homegrown reform program in the late 1980s, and - with fits and starts - instituted policy innovations that improved incentives for growth. While donors provided very little money in this period, they helped on the "ideas" side. Sweden and the United Nations Development Program provided training and technical assist-ance; the World Bank gave policy ad-

By 1992, Vietnam's policy enviromment had improved dramatically, and large-scale financial assistance from donors began to flow in. As a result, Vietnam's poverty rate fell from 55 percent of households in 1992-93 to just 30 percent of bouseholds in 1998.

Vietnam's experience is part of a worldwide trend in the 1990s toward economic reform that has enabled a large number of countries to use financial assistance to reduce poverty. It is ironic and tragic that the volume of aid is declining just when the envir-onment for effective aid is improving.

Aid cannot accomplish goals by it-self. But when used to champion reform at the local and national level, create the knowledge necessary for effective development, and engage civil society in the reform process, it can dramatically improve the lives of the poor.

The writer, senior vice president and chief economist of the World Bank in Washington, contributed this comment when it comes to generating reform. to the International Herald Tribune.

Israel's Conditional Yes

It was no small achievement for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to obtain Israeli cabinet approval of the Maryland peace agreement with the Palestinians. But the decision was hedged with unnecessary and disruptive conditions.

In nine days of bard bargaining at Wye Mills, Maryland, last month, Mr. Netanyahu won agreement to all the terms he then considered necessary to ensure that the Palestinians lived up to their obligations to combat terrorism. Israel got an American-monitored security plan. It woo a hard commitment from the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, to eliminate all references to Israel's destruction from the Palestinian national charter. Since the peace conference, Israel has seen Mr. Arafat's Palestinian Authority crack down hard on Hamas terrorism after two abortive attacks.

Yet for internal political reasons, Mr. Netanyahu delayed cabiner ratification of the agreement and then attached a series of complicating conditions. These include spelling out the internal revise their charter and a declaration that Israel will annex parts of the West Bunk if the Palestinians declare an independent state next May. The essential terms for changing the charter were agreed to by both sides in Maryland.

Any early declaration of independence by Mr. Arafat would clearly rupture the

Oslo peace agreement. The Israeli conditions, including a mischief-inviting commitment to re-submit each phase of the agreed 13 percent Israeli military pullback for separate cabinet ratification, may be meant to reassure Mr. Netanyahu's restive right-wing cabinet partners. But they threaten to undermine substantive understandings with the Palestinians.

Even more troubling is Mr. Netanyahu's newly reaffirmed intention to strengthen Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, along with plans to approve new construction on the disputed Har Homa project in East Jerusalem. Negotiations with the Palestinians are now set to enter their delicate final stage, with the future of Jewish senlements and competing claims in Jerusalem two of the most sensitive issues. The United States has repeatedly asked Israel to call a temporary time-out on new settlement activity as these negotiations move forprocedures the Palestinians must use to ward. Mr. Netanyahu must surely know that any new push on senlements now could endanger the revived momentum toward peace that Washington has worked so hard to achieve over the past 19 months.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES

Strong U.S. Presidency Can Make a Difference in Asia

∠like Bill Clinton, did well last week. For the American people did more than put up a stop sign in front of a Republican Party recklessly eager to impeach the U.S. president. With nationwide election results that were anything but a resounding Republican endorsement, Americans resuscit-

ated their president's ability to play the role of world leader.
As Mr. Clinton heads for Asia this weekend on a longplanned trip, he will find a region scarcely at ease. Territorial disputes simmer below the surface. Tensions in Indonesia and Malaysia have Singapore's nerves on edge. India's nuclear ploy has left the subcontinent in tumult. Although Mr. Clinton's itinerary excludes the Indian much of the politically reborn

As the Korea Herald edit-orialized last week: "By skirting the danger of being forced out of office. Clinton will be able to restore his leadership. This will be an encouraging demand, has erected a new eco-velopment for many countries nomic from curtain to ward off deciding role in the internation-al Korean nationalism at its most

Mr. Clinton as it can get.

By Tom Plate

that rely on U.S. leadership to tackle numerous global problems, including the sweeping financial crisis.

The Business Times in Singapore wrote: "The American voters bave shown maturity in refusing to give the Re-publicans the green light they needed to continue focusing the entire nation's attention on the sex and political scandal that has dominated Washington for

months on end." The first overseas test of Mr. Clinton's new muscle will not be long in coming. Next week in Malaysia, the leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Conperation forum convene for their sixth annual summit meeting.
They will be watching Mr.

where the former deputy prime minister and finance minister. Anwar Ibrahim, a champion of stands trial and where the man Minister Mahathir bin Moha-

globalization. Mr. Clinton al compention of goods and ser-might have spurned the high-vices, especially financial ones. might have spurned the high-profile APEC get-together altogether. Fortunately, he didn't - just as in June he rightly ignored congressional pres-sures to cancel his trip to China because of its treatment of polit-

ical dissidents. The Anwar controversy aside, serious trade quarrels may erupt at APEC. Japan is raising new objections to the reduction of some trade barriers in economic sectors it sees as vulnerable to foreign competition. That controversy may follow Mr. Clinton to his next stop. Tokyo, where he will find the Japanese establishment, despite the polite vencer, un-

nerved and introspective. In a recent speech to a foreign affairs group in Wyomiog, the spokesman, Kazuo Kodama. painted a candid picture of a society in the midst of reasgood relations with the West, sessment: "It is clear in retrospect that Japan made miswho threw him in jail. Prime takes, It failed to brace for the coming waves of globalization to the buy-Korean-only non- Delhi to his itinerary in a dra-

There is no denying that while others were working hard to prepare for the coming winter, Japan was basking in the glory of what we thought was a neverending summer.

Mr. Clinton should find the conversation a little more convivial in South Korea, his next stop after Tokyo.

Seoul is further along on the self-examination road than Tokyo, President Kim Dae Jung is a convert to the inevitability of the forces now raging across borders, a process be terms "universal globalism."

Narrow nationalism is outmoded and parochial protectionism is suicidal, he says: Even the smallest Korean rural village will have to compete with farmers across the globe. A small factory in a back alley in Korea will have to engage in competition with the same types of plants in every corner of the world."

Mr. Kim has called for an end

convinced be can absorb the

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parochial. When has any leader of South Korea ever spoken so plainly to his countrymen?

A strong U.S. presidency is a oecessary element of world stability as economic systems undergo these huge shifts. The election results last week helped revive the White House in a way that could prove vital to key allies like South Korea and Japan.

It is also important to nonallies like China, which benefits from a president with the strength to lead public opinioo; in support of Chinese-American engagement, and India, whose nuclear test program scotched a planned Clinton trip

But as Mr. Clinton's de cisions to visit Malaysia this weekend and China last June attest, much can be gained when the president himself shows up to wave the American flag. And in India, no less than in China, engagement will produce more than isolation. Mr. Clinton would cap his Asia trip in tri-umph if he were to add New matic last-minute gesture.

Los Angeles Times

Defusing Asia's Bombs The United States is struggling to limit the damage done to nuclear non-proliferation by India's and Pakistan's warming relations with India or se-Saddam's Strategy Is to Make Good Use of Clinton's

iests. Prompted by Washington, the two countries have accepted a voluntary test ban and committed to the icst-ban treaty, joined talks on a fissile materials ban, resumed dialogue on disputed Kashmir and opened direct nuclear talks. In return, President Bill Clinton is lifting most of the economic and military-training (not military-supply) sanctions he imposed after the

From this point on, however, lough negotiations get tougher. The problem starts with India. Pakistan, in testing. was only playing catch-up against its larger and more powerful regional rival. Its bomb was security-driven. Left to itself, it would not have tested. But India's bomb is more status-

underground explosions last May.

driven, its definition of its security and strategic interests is grander and more resistant to the nuclear restraints the United States is attempting to impose. These restraints involve limits on India's and Pakistan's next-stage passage from tests to weapons, and denial to the South Asians of the high status of being formally regarded in the nonproliferation treaty as a declared nuclear power.

The immediate question is whether either India or Pakistan, having built a bomb, will forgo the extra steps needed to deliver it. The answer is different for the two. For Pakistan, the requirement is an alternative means of security othcurity understandings with other

For India, the requirement is an altemative path to status and strategic reach. Alternatives might be: an early permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council as a nonnuclear but global player: an agenda expansion to include not only American complaints about Indian policy but also Indian complaints that Washington is lax in meeting some of its own nonproliferation obligations.

All this points to a prolonged and difficult troadening of American diplomacy. Nobody ever said nonproliferation was easy.

Other Comment

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The Impeachment Swamp

"God, I'd like to forget all this," the chairman of the House Judiciary Com-mittee. Henry J. Hyde. Republican of Illinois, blurted out Monday, It was a kind of political primal scream from an experienced legislator who can see that the impeachment process, even though it appears headed for a dead end. could drag his fractious comminee through a very smelly swamp before it gets

- Los Augeley limes

S AN ANTONIO. Texas — Forget the fascination with America's semiannual military buildup in the Gulf to persuade Saddam Hussein this time we're really, really serious." That point has been made with the United Nations' evacuation of employees it does not want to be chained to suspected anthrax

storage sites. Focus instead on the strategy of both sides.

The Clinton strategy up to now has been to go along with UN appeasement of Saddam to such an extent that even the French got sick of sustained humiliation. The American doormat approach — though it has enabled Iraq secretly to steal a declaration of "mission accommarch on building terror weapons — is now being presented as having brilliantly unified our allies.

Having been dared by Saddam to launch air strikes. President Bill Climon has four strategic options:

One is to do nothing, become the world laughingstock, and from land bases. This would tar-watch the United Natioos go the get suspected weapons manu-

By William Safire

way of the impotent League of Nations. Another is to remove Saddam's threat by a second invasion, this time sening up a democratic government in Iraq as America did in 1945 in Germany and Japan. Neither of these options is being considered by this White House.

Instead, we have strategic choice No. 3: "300 pinpricks" to exhibit Washington's extreme tritation. Cruise missiles launched from sea for a couple of weeks, accompanied by film showing the uncarny smartness of U.S. munitions, would be folplished" and a promise to an-noy lraq again next year.

The fourth choice is the "degrade his capabilities" option, which seems to be in favor: Use cruise missiles at first to disrupt communications and depress air defenses, then strike with carrier aircraft and heavy bombers the U.S. softening-up air cam-

paign of a decade ago. The Clinton joint chiefs would claim the United States successfully "degraded" his threat. That military jargon means "temporarily lessened but by no means "ended."

With a limited air war, the advantage is Iraq's.

Washington would again wait for an internal revolt to topple Saddam (as it has been for Fidel Castro for 40 years). If it does not work out, that is the next U.S. president's problem, though Saddam may then be in a position to reach for his ultimate strategic goal.

What is that goal? And could the incipient aerial punishment help Saddam achieve it? First, it is to endure and sur-

vive. Because the U.S. mission

submission to the December

need it to establish the legal as

well as the moral justification

sonal impunity. Nor is the United States likely to knock out all bis hidden germ, gas and nuclear weapons potential. Second, counterattack with

his people's suffering. He will invite television crews to cover collateral damage to civilians. If necessary, be can set off bombs in children's hospitals and orphanages himself. Filmed at-rocity will not only afflict the Americans with self-disgust but bring about an alliance with Iran, which will soon be able to swap its long-range missiles for his warheads.

UN for limited access by non-American inspectors. Mr. Clinton — branded "baby killer" by fraqi propagandists — is un-likely to resist, especially if American bombers or beli-copters crash or terrorists take allied lives. This will enable Saddam's weapons develop-ment to go forward in secrecy

Finally, make a deal with the

facturing sites, tank parking lots is limited to punishing but not while sanctions are lifted. With and army barracks, similar to ending his regime, Saddam is in two years, Iraqi oil production will finance purchase of fission-

able material and missiles. Although Saddam miscalcu-lated wildly a decade ago, his current strategy takes full ad-vantage of Mr. Clinton's ex-pected decision to wage limited. air war with its modest com-pliance aim. So long as the U.S. purpose is only to "degrade" facilities rather than to replace? an aggressive regime, the stra-

tegic advantage is his.

His ultimate purpose is to: credibly bluff the West into letting him dominate his part of the world. In 2002, he moves on-Saudi Arabia; America threatens to invade Iraq: Saddam san-nounces he is ready to ris chanounces he is ready to ris ma-nonal suicide by firing a nuclear, missile at the United States.

The United States has no missile defense. Does a prudent president let him grab those oil fields, or will Mr. Clinton's successor be forced to gamble a
U.S. city on the hope that a hom icidal maniac is only bluffing?

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NATO Needs Steadier Legal Footing

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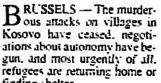
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finding shelter. With the agreement that brough: that about, NATO, under American leadership, has achieved a notable success. But in the process the alliance appears to be appropriating a new role that has serious implicanons for the future and that will

in the international community. Until now, NATO nations had always upheld the sanctity of the international rule of law. In Kosovo, they transgressed it by declaring their readiness to use armed force, without the specific authority of the United Nations Security Council, against a sovereign nation over an internal struggle. Countries

run up against strong opposition

Frederick Bonnart

rather than to the UN to safeguard their security and to intervene when necessary to sort out their internal troubles. NATO will therefore increasingly feel under pressure to act

on its own authority. This line appears to be U.S. administration policy. It has been strongly advocated recently by Richard Holbrooke who negotiated the Kosovo agreement and who maintains that NATO's

In addition, Senator William Roth. Republican of Delaware and president of the North Atlantic Assembly, submitted a report to NATO's parliamentarians, who met in Edinburgh for any rapid intervention in on Monday, contending that NATO could not allow the Security Council to circumscribe

meeting of foreign ministers. the United States is pressing for language that would enable the alliance to act withour such constraints. Admittedly, the permanent members of the Security Council who have the power to inhibit action were selected half a century ago and may not rep-

resent present realities. A case exists, therefore, for a fundamental review. But the alliance must not simply try to supersede the Security Council. Before embarkaction has set a precedent. ing on any future action NATO should ensure that it carries world opinion with it. It will

similar cases in the future. The writer, editorial director of NATO's 16 Nations, un inils actions. At NATO itself, where the dependent military journal. in the Balkans and further East. draft for the new strategic contributed this comment to the as well as North, look to NATO concept is being prepared for International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGC

NEW YORK - Mr. Ferdinand W. Peck, Commissioner-General of the United States for the Paris Exhibition of 1900, arrived in St. Louis. In answer to many anxious inquiries as to what he had been able to do in the way of getting space for American exhibitors, he said: We have a total of 210,000 square feet of space. This is a gain of 25 percent. The area which the United States will occupy in the Exposition now exceeds that of any other foreign country. We have also secured a suitable site for a

1923: Shot in the Leg SAN FRANCISCO - The way

as large as those of Great Britain

of women is sometimes persuasive, but the way of one thou-California was compelling. An more than two and a half years

1898: U.S. Space Race thorities had the temerity to order the vaccination of all co-eds. Upon being told that their arms would be scratched, one thousand girls stamped their feet and said: "No! we will not submit to such a disfiguration on our arms to be displayed af every ball but you can vaccinate us on the leg," declared the co-ed's leg," declared the co-ed's spokesman Now San Francisco physicians have a lively practice in vaccinating girls where the

national building, which will be twenty-four co-defendants were convicted of war crimes by an international tribunal which sentenced Tojo to hang. Six others were condemned to death on of women is sometimes per-suasive, but the way of one thon-sand co-eds of the University of California was compelling. An

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OPINION/LETTERS

Forget Impeachment, Indict Clinton Later

By Arlen Specter

it is devilishly difficult to deit is devilishly difficult to de-cide how to deal with the pending issue of impeaching destined to produce a stale-the president

Starting with the constituStarting with the constitutional interpretation of other those standards and choose
high crimes and misdemeanthe least undesirable of the respectable arguments available alternatives. whether perjuty and/or ob-struction of instice, if proved, are impeachable offenses. Most analysts appear to reach their legal conclusions on the side of

their political preferences.

The critical determinant in deciding whether to impeach and convict is what is in the national interest. The House and Senate have extensive dispolitical advantage.

I and many of my colleagues have already said as much, and the American people articnthe American people articn- And, perhaps most important, lated this sentiment as well in the country would be totally the elections last week.

proceedings must be kept impeachment for much of his al just as independent counsels in perspective so that other remaining term. critical husiness - health eare, education, crime control,

NEW YORK — In the midst of glob-al economic turnoil, scientific pro-

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posed by the global financial crisis.

settle down, as it has in the past. A

WASHINGTON — At people, and beyond that, for perjury and/or obstruction of ical and intellectual analysis. justice, if proved.

can be made on both sides of ... Unless other evidence emerges beyond the Starr report, I believe the conventional wisdom is correct that the House is likely to approve articles of impeachment and that the Sen-

ate is likely to acquit.

But such impeachment proceedings would be devastating for the country.

The House would be tied upfor weeks, if not months, on cretion in deciding what facts hearings and floor action. The warrant the president's remov- Senate would then similarly be al from office. And both bodies engaged. The Supreme Court have an absolute duty to pro- would also be incapacitated beceed in a judicious manner and cause the constitution requires scrupnlously avoid seeking that the chief justice preside when the president is charged.

The president would be focused on his political survival. consumed. The public interest So where do we go from would be better served by leav- foundation he has already built the distinct possibility of con-First, the impeachment by distracting the nation with responsibility to proceed to tri- experience as district attorney

Nonetheless, the president The matter would then be must be held accountable for out of the hands of Congress, to foreign policy -- remains the his conduct. I reject a plea bar- be decided by a court of law, Second, the president must arrively meaningless even if ac-elections or partisanship.

Though the constituted fine.

ense 10 practice law. ing impeachment and, after the brought after the end of Mr. president leaves office, holding

through indicament and prosecution for any federal crimes established by the evidence.

The Starr report alleges evidence sufficient to establish a liberately avoided impeachprima facie case or probable ment to leave the president cause for indictments. The independent counsel, using the ing the president in office than in that report, would have the viction and a jail sentence. My

be criminally prosecuted. And Instead, I propose abandon- any criminal prosecution Clinton's term would be him accountable in the same severely prejudiced if the Senway any other person would be: ate had already found the president "not guilty" or the House had already voted against ar-

ucles of impeachment. However, if Congress deopen to criminal prosecution, I believe Mr. Clinton would face of Philadelphia convinces me that the issues of character, ly-The matter would then be ing to the American people and

would be the very best of the undesirable alternatives. putting the country through hell for months would weigh heavily in the sentencing phase after any conviction.

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If so, I could conceive of a

The War Effort of Filipinos Remains Unrecognized

By Ruth Baja Williams

A 1898, following the Spanish American War, the United States acquired the Philippines as a territory. The ar-chipelago of 7,000 tropical islands, under Spanish rule since the 17th century, was a kind of war booty.

This year the Philippines is commem-orating 100 years of independence from Spain, and concurrently, a century of mostly friendly interaction with the United States.

Filipinos have been coming to the United States since the turn of the century. They blend quickly imo American

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society. They take a certain pride in their knowledge of English and in being the most Westernized of Asian nations.

Americans and Filipinos fought and died side by side on Philippine soil against the Japanese during World War II. In July 1941, knowing that war with Japan was imminent, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called into active service

all organized military forces of the

Commonwealth of the Philippines. Three months later, in October, I embarked on a voyage across the Pacific with my parents, my aunt and my older brother en route to the United States. I was 2 years old.

Our first port of call would have been Yokohama, Japan, but a telegram to the ship's captain ordered him to proceed to Shanghai. Our ship, the President Coolidge, would not be welcome in a Japanese port.

In December, Japanese bombers attacked Pearl Harbor, Ours was the last

tacked Pearl Harbor. Ours was the last safe Pacific crossing of a civilian ship. My father was a student at the University of Southern California. Classmates to the left and right of him were called into service. Thirtyeight years old and a family man, my father was not drafted hut became instead a radio propagandist, working for the Office of War Information in

San Francisco. Sometimes I accompanied my father to the broadcast studio. How proud I was to sit in the control booth, watching the second hand sweep up to the 12. Then the director pointed through the glass at my father.

My father was given the name Agapito Magturo. But at 4 years of age. I knew that was not his real name.

In the Philippine language, Tagalog, my father in his broadcasts exhorted the people of the Philippines to "stand firm" under Japanese oppression. The Americans were building an arsenal for the defense of democracy and would

LEXANDRIA, Virginia - In be there soon. Although he could not

shoulder a gun, my father was doing his part in the war effort.

The U.S. Army's Philippine Department had taken over all the responsibility for the pay of all inducted Philippine Army units. Filipino servicemen believed that they were part of

the U.S. Army.
In 1942 Congress allowed Filipino veterans 10 become naturalized U.S. citizens as a reward for their service. Filipinos gathered in barber-shops to talk of the war effort. The uniquirous dramatic poster of the fighting Filipino, head bloodied hut unbowed, is always in my memory of this time.

On June 22, 1944, the U.S. Congress passed the GI Bill of Rights, which provided full benefits to all who served. regardless of race, color or nationality. Thus, aliens from 66 countries were given full benefits - but, incredibly, not the Filipino veterans. The act allowing Filipino veterans to apply for U.S. citizenship was withdrawn

in 1945. Forty-six years were to pass before anger about the injustice of congressional action toward Filipino veterans would be manifested in the Filipino Veterans Naturalization Bill and a hill seeking benefits for Filipino veterans.

The 102d and the 104th Congresses took no action regarding these bills. The

Side by side, Americans and Filipinos died fighting the Japanese on Philippine soil during World War II.

only action taken this year was a provision of full burial benefits for U.S. citizens who reside in the United States and who were former members of the Philippine Commonwealth

Army,
What a pathetic tale of promises made and broken. Meanwhile, 77,000 Filipino veterans are still alive without ever having received the benefits prom-

ised to them by Presidem Roosevelt.

They are dying at the rate of five perday. Time is on the side of Congress. If its members wait long enough, even-tually no one will be left to

The outhor, o freelance writer, contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

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by President Bill Clinton of his ment a sitting president cannot

away from public opinion,

Developing Countries, Too, Are Fighting Global Warming Developing countries continue to use far less energy and pollute less than their wealthier counterparts in absolute terms climate systems for our daily bread. The obstacles lie not with cost or with a lack of options, but rather with The obstacles lie not with cost or with a lack of options, but rather with the mind-sets of policymakers. This is our major challenge at the Buenos

Aires conference.

The writer, administrator of the United Nations Development Program, contributed this comment to the Los Angeles Times.

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countries were correct to assume responsibilities in Kyoto last year to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Now they need to ratify and implement their commitments. It is entirely possible for economies

to grow and to provide increased energy services while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting the environment. . . . Some countries, including China, Mexico, Brazil and Britain, are already

sking bold steps to use cleaner energy said improve energy efficiency. Developing countries are doing so to contribute to their own sustainable development. But they need to do more, as do industrialized countries.

It is not true, as some commentators maintain, that developing countries have done little to reduce their emissions. With assistance from organizations such as the United Nations Development Program, they are adopting energy conservation measures and new technologies that could help fuel their development

By James Gustave Speth

warmer planet may seem more remote to countries negotiating a climate change treaty this week in Buenos Aires. Fears that warming temperatures could plies sea levels, after rainfall patterns and wreak havoc on food production systems could temporarily take a back seat to the social and economic concerns systems could temporarily take a back seat to the social and economic concerns an entire solar industry is being created to provide energy services to rural com-munities. Brazil, a proneer in the use of But economic turnoil will eventually ethanol, is developing new methods to change in climate, however, could stay harness biomass.

. China, home to 21 percent of the world's population, has sharply reduced with us for generations. Industrialized subsidies for coal and has improved energy efficiency in its industrial sector by modernizing or closing down highly polluting enterprises.

-Without these and other actions, China's emissions of carbon dioxide; a principal greenhouse gas, would be 50 percent higher than they are today. China emits 13.5 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions. That is second only to the United States (25 percent), and China has been projected to overtake the United States in carbon dioxide emissions by 2020 at its current rate of economic development. China's accumulated concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, however, may not catch up to those of the United States until the middle of the next century.

While some will no doubt use such trends to argue that industrialized countries should not accept new targets for lowering their greenhouse emissions if developing countries do not do the same. the reasoning does not hold water.

and on a per capita basis. And their lack of access to energy for normal house-hold and productive tasks reinforces the poverty that imprisons more than a

billion people.
The United Nations' 1998 Human Development Report estimates that one-fifth of the world's people living in the highest income countries contribute 53 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions that fuel global warming. The poorest fifth contributes just 3 percent. The irony is that the very poor live in the communities that are most vulnerable to coastal flooding and other climate-induced disasters.

With a projected rise in sea level, Bangladesh, for example, could see its land area shrink by 17 percent. although it produces only 0.3 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions. Meanwhile, rainfall is expected to become scarcer in the middle latitudes. where most developing countries are situated. This would have a major impact on their ability to feed themselves the years ahead.

Developing countries have an important role to play in preventing global warming; they understand the urgency better than most. Wealthier nations also have a powerful incentive to help poorer countries identify and implement new energy options while enacting their own sustainable development programs.

Nations rich and poor need to act out of common interest and common sense. Globally, we breathe the same air, fish in the same oceans and rely on the same

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By Thomas Crampton International Herald Tribune

REAH VIHEAR, Cambodia The surrender of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge guerrillas just a few months ago yielded a little publicized peace dividend to pilgrims and tourists: the reopening of a spectacular monument built by the an-cient civilization most famed for con-

structing Angkor Wat.
Preah Vihear, an extraordinary kilometer of elaborately carved sandstone temples, runs uphill to a cliff over-looking the northern jungle plains of

Within Cambodian territory but accessible only from Thailand, the temple complex is the crowning jewel in a set of monuments that now make northeast Thailand an option for tourists seeking Khmer culture without the worries and dangers of violence-swept modern

For much of the last 30 years, war has kept the temples along the Thai-Cambodian border off-limits to ordinary visitors. Since Preah Vihear reopened in August, Thai monks and tourists have flocked to the mountain each weekend by the thousands - along with a handful of foreigners.

Visitors can park on recently paved roads aloog the Thai frontier and walk across the stream demarcating Cambodian territory — no visa required — to climb up hundreds of steep stooe steps.

The legacy of war still litters the mountain in the form of several marked minefields, a rusty artillery cannon and a crashed helicopter, but the temple's strategic military location has also helped to preserve it.

As looters stripped and sold carvings, sculptures and decorations from temples nearby, those holding Preah Vihear were always too busy fighting to sell off much of the monument. Calm along the border means that now, in just a few days' driving through northeast Thailand, visitors can explore a mul-titude of ancient Khmer temples im-

mersed in striking scenery.

From a civilization born along the Mekong River in southern Laos during the sixth century, Khmer god-kings came to rule a vasi swathe of Southeast Asia, stretching from the coast of present-day Viemam through Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Burma. The empire's capital, Angkor Wat, sat on the shores of Tonle Sap lake in Cambodia, but a powerful provincial center also spread along the shallow valley of the Mun river, in what is now northeast Thailand.

The main Mun river temple—Phi Mai—was linked to Angkor Wat by the so-called Royal Way, a 225-kilometer (135mile) route through the jungle marked by more than a dozen ornately decorated way stations, each built at the distance of

one day's journey from the next.

More than 300 stone temples were
built around the Mun river valley until the entire civilization's mysterious demise consigned them to the jungle nearly half a millennium ago. Angkor Wat bursi into the public imagination late last century after French explorers published accounts of their travels through the colonies of Indochina.

But Thailand, the only uncolonized country in Southeast Asia, suppressed the study of cultural connections with its neighbors for fear they could be used as a pretext for territorial encroachment by European powers.

CHALLENGING ASSUMPTIONS

Pieced together by an illustrious line of French archaeologists working at Angkor Wat, the first histories of the Khmer were based entirely on the ar-chitectural and decorative styles found in Cambodia. Modern scholarship and recent archaeological finds, however, are challenging old assumptions that the Mun river was a mere provincial backwater to Angkor Wat.

The Si Khiu sandstone quarry, a few hours' drive from Bangkok, is the first of dozens of ancient Khrner sites that can easily stretch the nine-bour drive to Preah Vihear into a leisurely three-day jaunt.

On a low hill alongside the highway, rows of half-hewn blocks seem to await workmen who dropped their tools for lunch only moments earlier, rather than the 500 years the quarry has been abandoned. Many of the blocks, already shaped on the top and along the sides by chisel, are ready to be broken off the

quarry surface by swelling planks of wood wedged under a bottom ledge, an ancient technique used until quite re-

cently in Thai quarries.

Dragged by elephant, boat and man, the rough blocks were placed on top of temple superstructures, usually locally found laterite, before being carved into shape and decorated.

Only two sources of sandstone have been found to serve the hundreds of iemples spread across the vast Mun river valley, but no scientific study has been done to conclusively link these

quarries to the temples.

A couple more hours' drive beyond the quarry is the Phi Mai National Museum. Formerly just a rusty tin shed set up along the riverbank to protect a few carvings from the rain, it was renovated and expanded several years ago and is now one of the world's great repos-itories of Khmer antiquities.

Strolling among the museum's well-displayed lintels, visitors can trace Khmer religious history through changing postures of Buddha images and examine ancient sculpture techniques in

an unfinished bas-relief carving.

But perhaps the most original exhibit displays artifacts from ancient daily life

alongside photographs taken of temple carvings that show the items in use. Phi Mai temple, around the corner from the museum, is Thailand's most celebrated Khmer ruin.

The only Khmer monument seriously promoted by the government, it underwent a controversial reconstruction before Thailand's first foray into international tourism a decade ago. Despite being surrounded by a sea of

grass cut to putting-green standards, the temple retains its magnificence. Ceremonial snakes slither up the entrance bridge while dancers writhe in wall carvings that lead up to the 28-meter-

high conical central tower.

Many Khmer art experts, bowever, lament the new red sandstone tiles and crenellations affixed to the temple by the government's Fine Arts Depart-

'They were in such a rush to get the place ready for tourists that they even copied a Buddha from the wrong cen-tury to put inside the temple." said



The Khmer temple at Phnom Ruang, in northeast Thailand, was built from the 10th to 12th century.

Smitthi Siribbadra, guest lecturer at Silpakorn University and one of Thai-land's most eminent scholars of Khmer

Farther along the route toward Preah Vihear, temples vary from the mountain-top Prasat Phnom Ruang, which deserves a visit of several hours, to the small but exquisitely restored Prasat Ban Phluang, worth about a 20-minute stop. The remnants of a rest stop along the ancient Royal Way can also be seen by making advance arrangements with bor-der police to visit Ta Muen Thom temple. Surrounded by dense jungle and just a few hundred meters from the Cambodian border, the temple was occupied for de-

cades by Khmer Rouge guerrillas who

colluded with looters to strip it down to the superstructure. Even dynamite was used in some of the more crude efforts to

remove delicate stone carvings.

The pillage of Khmer art has much abated in recent years, but freshly stolen pieces still turn up in Bangkok's River



Will Paris Embrace This U.K. Invasion?

By Patricia Wells

ARIS - A diner at my table offered her unsolicited response to the abrasive, deafening, dinner-time noise and clatter that filled the gigantic new Left Bank brasserie, Alcazar: "If I come back, it will be just the two of us, my husband and 1. We have been married for 50 years, so if we can't talk to one another for two hours, it's O.K."

The French have been invaded by the British, and only time will tell if Parisians will embrace it. Sir Terence Conran of design fame has bravely and boldly expanded his London din-ing empire to Paris with his bright. airy, smart and bustling 200-seat brasserie Alcazar. All red. white. black and modern, this brilliantly designed spot is just the sort of injection Conran and others think Paris needs. (Others might argue that the restaurant is linle more than a continued internationalization and dumbing down of cuisine, with a Euro-Asianfusion menu that could be served anywhere in the world.)

But Conran is not out to lose. He has chosen Guillaume Lutard (formerly of Taillevent) to man the stoves of the glassed-in kitchen that looks out into the bright, two story glass-roofed restaurant in a courtyard off Rue Mazarine. The bread comes from the haker of the moment. Eric Kayser on Rue Monge. And Conran made sure that everyone in town knew he was coming: He papered the press with lavish and colorful advertising; invited everyone in the neighborhood to half-price preopening lunches, and held a series of high-profile "soft opening" events before the official state on Nov. 8. Add to that the fact that the restaurant will be open seven days a week, with a brunch on Sundays, and Alcazar is

hard to miss. While the food breaks no new ground, the menu features typical brasserie platters of fresh oysters and shellfish, as well as largely Mediterranean-inspired menu peppered with saffron, arugula, goat cheese, fennel, couscous and artichokes.

Two preopening meals proved un-even, with excellent fresh Guillardeau oysiers from Brittany, a fine caramelized puff pastry tart of tomatoes and fresh goat cheese, and a welcoming main course vegetarian platter of braised seasonal vegetables. Far less successful were a misguided puff pastry tart piled high with arugula and rouget and a gigantic, dry chicken breast stuffed with a bland mixture of fole gras and artichokes. The food lacks any definite focus or personality.

The reason to go to Alcazar is that it offers a change of pace from the standard choucroute-and-beer brasserie, with a stunning and modern décor, exquisite service from a welltrained and enthusiastic staff, and a place to hang your hat almost any time of day. An upstairs piano bar offers wine by the glass and a brief menu that includes tastes of sushi. oysters, caviar, smoked salmon and foie gras.

The spot, by the way, is the former Alcazar night club, which closed eight years ago. The site began its life in 1850 as a printing plant.

Alcazar, 62 Rue Mazarine, Paris 6; tel: 01-53-10-19-99; Fax: 01-53-10-23-23. Open daily until I A.M. Credit cards: American Express. Diners Club, Visa. A la carte, 300 to 400 francs (\$53 to \$70).

Malta: Out of a Storybook Into the Present

By Denise Fainberg

ALLETTA, Malta — Like the map of a storybook country: That was my first thought.
I was standing on a high cliff on the southwest coast of Malta, looking across the genuly tilted landscape toward Valletta, nine miles away. Here and there, the spires and domes of ancient towns rose up. To the north, stood the twin cities of Rabat and Mdina and the turreted, square Verdala palace sitting jauntily above Malta's only forest.

I also noticed there was no shortage of vacation housing lining much of the coast. This was a storybook land that had moved into the present,

Malta is a tiny country, consisting of three islands: Malta, the largest, measures about 27 kilometers by 14 (17 miles by 9): Gozo, about 13 kilometers by 7, and Comino, between the two, perhaps a square mile. Situated in the Mediterranean between Sicily and Tunisia, this archipelago lies at the crossroads of Europe and Africa. This has meant waves of attack and defense

throughout recorded history. Human habitation goes back 7,000 years, and since most of those burnans were technologically adept, virtually every square meter yields evidence. History is thick here, and endurance is a

matter of pride Valletta, Malta's capital, was a logical jumping off point. The city dates from the 16th century, after the Turkish siege of 1565. The Knights of St. John, who controlled the island country from 1530 to 1798, held off the invaders and then fortified the magnificent natural harbor, building the new capital at its head. The city one sees today is largely the city that was built then — stern, rectilinear, yet ornate, the skyline set with cupolas. A walk along the city bastions impresses with their sheer mass, and with the strategic situation of its blue, multiplebayed harbor.

FORTIFIED CITIES

Valletta is wailed right around, with bastions named after saints. Across the harbor to the southeast are the equally fortified Three Cities - Senglea, Vittoriosa and Cospicua - while to the northwest is the fashionable suburb of Sliema. Cruise ships and tankers pass in and out, and all around are the elaborate, triple-domed churches. The Baroque in Malta began in the 16th century and seems to have never ended,

In the center of town, St. John's Co-Cathedral resembles a fort. Inside its massive walls, however, every inch is covered with stone curlicues, paintings or marble memorial tablets to various Grand Masters of the Order. The cathedral contains a small museum, where the main attractions are two Caravaggios: "St. Jerome Writing" and "The Beheading of St. John" (the latter had been sent away for restoration, but a copy hung in its place).

I decided to spend the next day outside in the warm March sun, and took the bus to the suburb of Tarxien, about a half hour in the heavy traffic. Tarxien is home to prehistoric monuments dating

plows on them. Excavations turned up a series of three megalithic temples, built in the curious lobed pattern common to the islands. These were apparently devoted to the worship of an obese goddess: her broken statue is now in a museum, but a copy bas been placed at the site. The deity had elephantine legs and tiny feet; stone boxes yielded the remains of thousands of animal sacrifices made to her: sbeep, goats, pigs. Later, the place was given over to Bronze Age cremation burials, and later

still, to a Roman farm. Leaving the past behind, I took the and all but the tiniest have a pair of painted eyes fastened to the bows. My fancy was tickled by the mys-

terious tracks at Clapham Junction. Cut into the limestone terrain a few miles west of Rabat, they wander across the landscape, disappearing sometimes un-der modern structures, over cliffs or even under water. Their origin and purpose are unknown, but most archaeologists agree that they are artificial and that some, at least, connected settlements or water sources.

Here, as elsewhere on the island, there are caves that long served as human



St. John's is covered with curlicues, paintings and memorial tablets.

same bus line a few miles to dwellings. Some are inhabited even Marsaxlokk, on the southeastern coast. today. Ghar Dalam, in the southeast; near Marsaxlokk, on the southeastern coast. The charm of this pretty fishing village is only slightly marred by the large container shipping port visible around the next headland. Cafes and open-air markets share the waterfront with drying fishnets, while luzzu, the traditional fishing boats, bob in the harbor. These are supposedly of Phoenician design, having remained unchanged through the millennia but for the addition of from 2500 B.C., discovered at the turn of inboard motors. The wooden craft are Malta. I visited St. Agatha's catacombs. York Times.

the town of Birzebbuga is a meandering limestone cavern with sediments going back thousands of years. The upper lay-ers hold poisherds and bones of domestic animals, evidence of Malta's earliest inhabitants. Below lie fossils of Pleistocene fauna, going back 180,000 years.

Besides the cave dwellings, extensive catacombs have been found, concentrated in the area around Rabat, in central I found a maze of limestone passages, tombs and burial niches in which several hundred people - adults, children and infants - had been interred.

Rabar and neighboring Mdina (formerly one city) also have aboveground attractions. The Museum of Roman Antiquities, built on a Roman villa in Rabat, throws light on Malta's Ro-man period, 218 B.C. to A.D. 550. Among the exhibits are a stone olivepitting press, sculptures and inscribed tombstones — including fragments of Muslim tombs, for the site was a cemetery during the Arab period (about 860 to 1091). My visit coincided with the Feast of St. Joseph, Rabat's patrons saint, which is celebrated with great fanfare, so I stayed for the afternoon parade of the local band club.

Even more connected with Malta is St. Paul, who was shipwrecked on the island and stayed three months, according to the Acts of the Apostles. Statues of him are everywhere, and his name graces everything from churches to liquor stores - not to mention the monuments at St. Paul's Bay, on the north side, his purported landing spot.

Mdina, the ancient walled capital, is

Malta as it was, with late Gothic, Renaissance and early Baroque facades. Here, the March wind tears down the narrow, carless streets, lined with palaces of the old nobility, churches and convents, shops and houses.

T'S called the Silent City, and the silence is more than a lack of noise. There is a broodiness of a place: whose history bas not been entirely happy; its tight enclosure and blind exteriors seem to distill centuries of siege and occupation. But it casts its spell.

Unfortunately, Malta has not escaped a construction boom - with traffic to match. Much of the countryside is gone, but a trip to Gozo can take you back to a quieter time. Ferries, run by the Gozo Channel Company, cross the narrows strait separating Malta and Gozo passing the little island of Comino several times each day. The trip takes half an hour, and public buses run from the landing to Victoria, Gozo's capital

Still largely rural, Gozo is the Mediterranean as it used to be: villages perched on hilltops, steep terraced fields and cliffs falling to the sea. It's good walking country - narrow, nearly empty roads pass through quiet towns and nowhere is very far from anywhere: else. I enjoyed several pleasant walks. down to the tiny bay at Xlendi, and oversectiffs to the red sand beach at Ramia. To recover from 70 centuries of his-

tory, near the end of my visit I took and undersea safari." Departing from Sliems, the boat Seabelow took us a limited way outside the harbor. There, passenger gers were invited down into the gla-keel, where we viewed shummering fish darting through sea grass and over the clean sea floor. A guide provided comwas a relaxing hour. In Malta, conquerors have come and gone, but the surrounding sea remains much the same.

Denise Fainberg, a teacher and writer in Oregan, wrote this for The New

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When Cost Is No Object: Mercedes

By Gavin Green

IG huxury sedans are probably the easiest cars in the world to engineer. They are, as near as possible, free from compromise. Pity the poor engineers who conceive small harchbacks and family sedans!

They have to graft to produce a car whose cost is pared to the nearest cent, precluding the use of all sorts of fancy electronic gizmos and mechanical marvels. A family Ford or runabout Renault could not afford the sophistication of the new Mercedes-Benz S-class's electronic air suspension, nor its radarguided cruise control, nor its voice-activated audio and mo-

bile-phone controls that respond to verbal orders.

The new S-class is, without doubt, the most technologically dense car the world has ever seen. And, as the price does not matter hugely, the Mercedes engineers were able to indulge heir fantasies.

Stray too close to the car in front of you and that radar-guided cruise control automatically slows the car, braking if necessary. The air springs lower the car automatically at speed, improving the car's wind-cleaving ability and its grip on the road. The new "Keyless Go" system kicks the car key into the trash can of outdated technology. A chip card, carried in a wallet or purse, automatically identifies the user, allowing him or her to gain access simply by pulling the door handle. A button starts the engine. The headlights automatically come on when it's dark, particularly useful when driving through nunnels at speed.

And speed is something at which the S-class excels. On a German autobahn, from the Swiss border to Stuttgart, we powered along at a serene 240 kph (149 mph), pulling in the horizon quietly and effortlessly. At the 110 to 140 kph range more usually found on the world's freeways, the car is operating at only 50 percent capacity. It feels almost in-sultingly slow. And that's just the V-8 \$500 version, as tested. For those who feel that 306 bhp is insufficient, a V-12 S-class will surface in a year. Also on offer is a V-6 and a smaller 4.3-liter V-8....

The new S-class is certainly the most composed, the most fined, the most comfortable, the most effortless in covering distances, and the most thoroughly engineered car there has ever been. Unlike its immediate predecessor, unveiled in

to Adams a series



1991, it is also a thing of beauty. It is graceful and is a superb example of a car that looks both modern and traditional.

Despite being smaller than its predecessor - which was criticized for its bulk — the new S is roomier. Comfort is further increased by seats that are ventilated by tiny internal fans and have internal massaging (air cushions slowly inflate and deflate) to prevent backache. These seats, like many of the other Star Wars-type goodies, are options, in the time-honored, you-get-what-you-pay-for Mercedes tradition. If you want to check out what an option-free Mercedes looks like, ride in a German taxi.

Faults? Some of the plastic - look at the stuff clinging to the door sills - is unbecoming in a luxury car and is evidence that there were at least some cost constraints placed on those otherwise heavily indulged engineers. And maybe, just

maybe, the steering could be more communicative. But the only serious turn-off is the price. This will not from a blithe Botticelli Venus to the bother the peers, politicians, princes and plutocrats who make stony, regal monarch of the film's last up the car's traditional clientele, who prohably don't even bother inquiring about the cost before placing an order. That's

the price you pay for letting your engineers have fun.

• Mercedes-Benz S500. About \$115,000. V-8 engine, 4966cc, 306 bhp. Five-speed automatic transmission, rearwheel-drive. Top speed: 250 kph (155 mph). Acceleration: 0-100 kph in 6.5 seconds. Average fuel consumption: 14.4 liters/100 km.

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MOVIE GUIDE

Directed by Shekhar Kapur. U.K. The caprivating Cate Blanchett rules England in "Elizabeth" as if the monarch's principal responsibilities were being bejeweled, choosing consorts and saying Leave us!" with a wave of the hand. This is indeed historical drama for anyone whose idea of history is back issues of Vogue, but "Elizabeth" wants more. This Elizabeth is presented as a glamthat it looks as if Charles Laughton had orously stressed-out modern woman who players, for whom a scorecard would be resses, display. (Joan Dupont, IHT) must cope with a super-intense case of having it all. That the film's Indian dihelpful, include Geoffrey Rush as the rector, Shekhar Kapur ("Bandit Queen") coolly calculating Sir Francis Walsingknew nothing about Queen Elizabeth I ham, Elizabeth's trusted adviser, John when he undertook this lavish costume Gielgud as the scheming Pope in a resolutely anti-Catholic drama; Christopher Ecclesion as the stern Earl of Norfolk, and drama only helps to make his Elizabeth that much sassier a sovereign, slouching Richard Auenborough as the husybody Sir William Cecil. (Janet Maslin, NYT) on her thronc. His film concerns itself with elaborate appearances, anachronistically modern flourishes, Roman Catholic-Protestant intrigue, the difficulty of resolving career with personal life and the small matter of Elizabethan history.

ALICE ET MARTIN Directed by Andre Techine. France. In "Alice ct Martin," we are supposed to pretty much in that order. Acknowledging the influence of "The Godfather" on a film that includes its own climacoc bloodbath montage, Kapur and the screenwriter Michael Hirst make spectacle their primurky provincial past, for Paris, sharing a small flat with Alice (Juliene Binoche), ority, often at the expense of fact. Opening the film with an aerial shot of Protestant hereries being burned at the stake pretty well establishes that this will not be a violinist, and Benjamin (Mathicu Almaric), Alice's actor roommate, a homoanother staid royalty show. And Kapur's sexual. Andre Techine, with Gilles Taulusty, flamboyant approach does suit the rand and Olivier Assayas, wrote the young Elizabeth, who is seen as she ages script in deconstructed "modern" backwho is illegitimate, who is related, who is arts display that prompts the movie's in love with whom — halfway into the producer, Maxxx Orbison (Michael scene. Blanchett, who was marvelous in 'Oscar and Lucinda,' brings spirit. movie. Martin the runaway becomes an overnight hit, starring in cologne ads, outstripping his adopted Parisian family.

Dean Jacobs), to make Joe an offer he can't refuse: \$20,000 for two days' work if Joe will step into the role of the beauty and substance to what might otherwise have been numed into a vacuous role. Still, it's jarring when the queen dances in the midst of admirers as if this What makes him more than a pretty face movie's comic superhero. Captain Or-flashing from posters in the Metro is that Alice is drawn to his oddness, on the blushing Joe gets to splutter. 'I'm not a were "Saturday Night Fever" or sounds an awful lot like Tootsie when she descent of his repressed guilt, she carries superhero, I'm a Latter-day Saint!" It's clares: "I may be a woman, Sir William. But if I choose, I have the heart of a the improbable love story, just as she the film's one genuinely witty line. man!" Elizabeth's lover Lord Robert carries fragile Martin and his secret, the

Dudley (Joseph Fiennes), who would most interesting thing about him. Alice later be stepfather to her lover the Earl of et Martin' is Binoche's second film with Essex, is seen here as an occasion for Techine ("Rendez-vous." 1985, was the scenes of soft-core amour. Her wild suitor first), a return to French film since an the Duc d'Anjou (Vincent Cassel) cross- Academy Award for her supporting role dresses, while his scheming aum Mary of in "The English Patient." Earthy and Guise (Fanny Ardant) demonstrates how ethereal, she makes Alice make sense in a feaching armor can look with a scarf play on reversed roles - actually. Alice thrown over one shoulder. Kathy Burke is the hero, Martin the swooning heroine, rages so vividly as Queen Mary Tudor A trooper, a militant for love and truth. she gives the part a human, maternal ascended to the English throne. The other dimension few soldiers, and few act-

> ORGAZMO Directed by Trey Parker, U.S. "Batman" meets "Boogie Nights"

via Hong Kong-style kung fu in "Or-gazmo," Trey Parker's flat-as-a-pan-cake spoof of superheroes, the por-nography industry and religious conservatives. In writing and directing "Orgazmo," Parker, a creator of the TV show "South Park," faced an insoluble problem: How do you make a have our eye mostly on Martin (Alexis boundary-shattering gross-out farce Loret), a boy who has committed an about the porn husiness that isn't itself irreparable deed and runs away from pornographic? Having the actors wear home. A prey to his past, a ghost on the loose, his story builds after he leaves his toys just won't do the trick. Parker, who was one of the great minds behind the slightly more amusing "Baseketball." stars as Joe Young, a squeaky-clean Mormon missionary doing door-todoor religious salesmanship on the streets of Los Angeles. Barging onto the set of an X-rated film-in-progress ward jumps so that we begin to grasp one afternoon, Joe fends off some men-what this phantom household is about — acing guards with an impressive martial acing guards with an impressive marrial

(Stephen Holden, NYT)

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www.nationalgallery.org.uk. FRANCE

Musea Carnavalet, tel: 01-42-72-21-13, closed Mondays. To Feb. 14: "Le Vieux Moscou en Photos." Moscow at the end of the 19th century. and the beginning of the 20th century
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Kunsthalle Duesseldorf: tel: (211) 899-6243, closed Mondays. Jan. 24: "Alexander Rodchen-

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Denis Mahan." From the collection of the art historian, a small selection of 16th- and 17th-century paintings by Guido Reni, Annibale Carracol, Luca Giordano and Il Guercino.

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Sakura, China Prefecture Kawamura Memorial Museum of Art, tel: (43) 498-21-31, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To Dec. 6: "Is This Art?" The old question is approached with an exhibition of 40 works, ranging from a painting

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Nov. 15: "Masterworks from the

Carmen Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection." Takaoka Municipal Art Museum, Takaoka, Japan.

Cabinet des Estempes, tel: (22) 418-2770, closed Mondays, To Dec. 20: "Pleme Alechinsky." While the painter and graphic artist is usually associated with expres-sionism and color, he also exper-Nov. 15: "Buddhist Arts of the Edo Period (1800-1868)." British Museum, London, Nov. 15: "Herbstwind in den Ketern." Japanese art on the theme of autumn wind in the pines. imented with calligraphy: The works exhibited here mix writing

seum fur Ostasietische Kunst, Cologne. Nov. 15: "Gauguin and the School of Pont-Aven." Kunsthelle der Hypo-Kulturstiffung, Munich. Metropolitan Museum of Art, tel: (212) 570-3951, closed Mondays.

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Freedom has always been

AMERICAN FREEDOM By Eric Foner. Illustrated. 422 pages, \$27.95. W.W. Norton.

Reviewed by Richard Bernstein

THE STORY OF

gence of a monarchical presidency, Congress directed that the new American nation's first coins display not the head of the president but "an impression emblematic of liberty, with an inscription of the word Liberty" stamped upon them.

the Louisiana Purchase, he re- a preordained goal." ferred to the enlarged country as "the Empire of Liberty."
And three generations after that, at the height of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln said of both sides: "We all declare for Liberty, but in using the same word we do not all mean

the American religion, but, as Lincoln said, the concept has meant different things at dif-

telling of American history, ganized around the concept of of his approach, Foner has

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BOOKS

manipulated, argued and transformed. The history of freedom, Foner writes, is "a tale of debates, disagreements and struggles rather than a set of A decade later, when timeless categories or an Thomas Jefferson effected evolutionary narrative toward

That statement is no doubt concept was either chaltrue and worth remembering as one reads Foner's well-informed and scrupulously bal- ary War, for example, as a anced book. And yet there is seminal cpisode that did far something dutiful rather than more than simply win indeinspired about Foner's writing and his approach, which, despite the author's claim to have taken a fresh look at American history, comes across as a hit familiar.

It seems rather obvious, for ferent times to different example, that a history in-

groups. The competing def- cluding the Civil War, Re- dence and the creation of a initions are closely described construction, Jim Crow, and nation-state that defined itin the new book by Eric Fonthe denial until after World self, in James Madison's
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> Reading "The Story of American Freedom," one is grateful for Fonce's clarity and knowledge even while wishing that he had been conceptually bolder and more outspoken about his passions and less dutifully respectful of so many points of view. including those he clearly

does not agree with. New York Times Serine

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscon

PLAYER who has writ-Aten extensively about deceptive plays encountered a new one on the diagramed deal, played in September at the Beverly Club, 150 Central Park South in Manhattan. South reached four hearts after West had overcalled in

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play of the trump suit. If an honor falls from West, the principle of restricted choice suggests playing East for the other honor. So after ruffing a clinh at the second trick and playing the heart ace. South intended to cross to the diamond jack to take the trump finesse. That would have produced an overtrick.

But an odd thing happened. When a diamond was led, the ten appeared from West. This was an imaginative anempt to convince the declarer that West was short in diamonds, and it succeeded totally South was now less inclined to take the heart finesse. After winning with the dia-

mond jack, he ruffed dummy's last club. West was unable to overruff, so the trump posicion was clear. South cashed the diamond ace and the ending was: South ruffed a diamond winner in order, finally, to take the heart finesse. But

spades, and won the opening East overruffed and led a spade, giving the defense two spade tricks and a spade ruff for down one.

the spirit of American polit-

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public. The roots of Amer-

ican freedom lay in the

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Foner examines each ma-

The expert on deceptive maneuvers was Barry Rigal, playing with Beverly Perry. But he was not the deceiver but instead the victim in the South seat. The decentive play hy West was created hy Florence Rowe Lihin, playing with Donna Wattman. Rigal congramlated Lihhin, and noted her imaginative effort for his next book.

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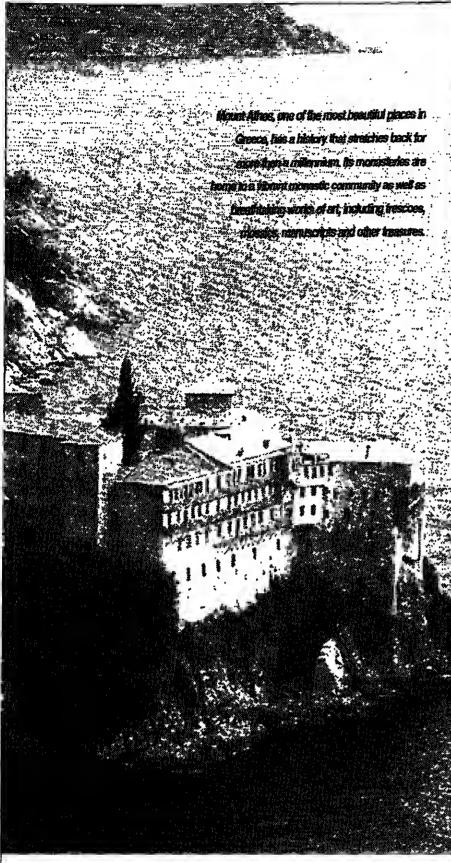
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MOUNT ATHOS: A THOUSAND YEARS OF FAITH

From the age of Byzantium to the modern era, the history of Mount Athos — the Holy Mountain — mirrors that of Greece itself.

Patriarch Athenagoras first major monastic establishment on the Holy Mountain, founded by Saint Athanassios the Athonite.

By Athanassios's time, Mount Athos was already a favorite retreat for monks seeking an isolated place for meditation and prayer. Monks from Athos's early monastic community participated in the Council of 843 Theodora of Byzantium.

It was not until 963, however, that Athanassios. friend and confessor of Em- or founded the famous monasfunds provided by the emperor himself. Later emperors also supported the mongranting them autonomy and self-government and banning women from their grounds.

Last month, the current Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomeos sailed from Istanbul to Mount Athos to officiate at the ceremonics marking the 1.000th anniversary of the Xenofonto monastery, founded in 998 by a monk named Xenoton. Greek Prime Mineral members of his cabinet, crisis that led to the depop-Governor Stavros Psycharis of Mount Athos, Archbishop Christodoulos of Greece and other religious dignitaries participated in the celebration.

of Mount Athos seemed to an princes. have completed its life cycle,

went to Mount Athos, a long Mantzaridis, a specialist on ter of Greece, with scholars narrow peninsula in North-monastic life in Greece, "the and intellectuals turning its ern Greece, to celebrate the numbers of monks had fallen monasteries into educational 1,000th anniversary of the considerably and their averinstitutions. The best-known age age was over 55." school on Mount Athos was

This was not the first time the Athonite Academy near in its history that Mount Athos the monastery of Vatopedi. had shown signs of decline. Raided by the Crusaders who captured Constantinople in 1204, it was ransacked by Catalan mercenaries of the Byzantine emperors 50 years later and passed under the Ottoman yoke after the fall of the Great Lavra monastery, themselves to monastic life Constantinople to the Turks in

Sultan Murat II, who captured Thessalonica, and Sultan Mohamet II, the conquer-Constantinople, peror Nikephoros Phokas, recognized the Athos montery of the Great Lavra with firmed their independence with official firmans. as Ottoman laws were called. The firmans referred to Athos as "the country in which day and night the name of God is revered" and as "a refuge for the needy and for travelers."

Starting in the 12th century, monks from Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania also flocked to Mount Athos.

During the first centuries of the Ottoman occupation, the heavy taxation imposed by the Ottomans and the confiscation of the monasteries' ister Costas Simitis and sev- estates created an economic ulation of Athos.

in the late 17th and 18th

and well-educated. The number of monks on

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isolation.

It attracted famous teachers like Eugenios Voulgaris, Athanssios Parios and and 40." lo addition, 343 Thomas Aitolos, who through their teachings prepared the nation for its rebirth. Kosmas Lavriotis, a monk at that young men dedicate set up the first printing press

During the Greek War of Independence (1821), Mount chief secretary of the Holy Athos was almost abandoned by its monks, many of whom dom. Those who remained ing patriots.

Center of culture dence, Athos underwent a

when almost 20,000 monks three monks live in complete filled its monasteries and other establishments. This was followed by a period of decline that began just after nity, which consists of rep-World War I and ended only resentatives of the 20 in the 1970s.

at this period in the 'Garden committee of four overseers, sential. of the Virgin, as the monks elected from the Holy Comcall Mount Athos," writes munity and called the Holy Mr. Mantzaridis. After a half "Epistasia." The governing

by, more followed.

orthodox Ecumenical surviving but flourishing. In came not only the spiritual theorem and reports to the Ministry of the Rep

sible for order and security.

Both Greek and foreign Mount Athos is rising in invisitors have to obtain a perverse proportion to their avmit from the Ministry of Forerage age, because almost all the recent arrivals are young eign Affairs or the Ministry men," writes Mr. Mantzarof Macedonia and Thrace to enter Athos. idis. "Most of the monks today are aged between 31

Greece's accession to the European Union has naturally posed some questions monks (27 percent) have uniconcerning the unique way What is encouraging is of life on the Holy Mountain. These were resolved when Greece and the other memand to the survival of the ber-states signed a common declaration to safeguard the religious and national tradidistinctive nature and legal tions," says Father Ioannis, status of Mount Athos.

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Feverish rebuilding is now Assembly, which runs the affairs of the monastic state. He taking place on Athos. The left to join the fight for free-dom. Those who remained education of the new monks idly being restored, though education of the new monks were persecuted for harbor- to the improvement of edu- this is proving to be a source cational standards in Greece. of distraction and apprehen-Today, there are 20 large sion for the monks. They are disturbed by the large nummonasteries and their de-Following Greek indepen- pendencies: 12 smaller mon- bers of pilgrims and visitors asteries known as "sketes," who arrive almost all year period of development dur- as well as several "kellia" or round and the road-building ing the late 19th century, small huts, where one to activities, which are taking a toll on the pace and way of life on Mount Athos.

The work needs to be The monasteries are governed by the Holy Commudone, however, because the monasteries shelter treasures of inestimable value and the monasteries, but executive good condition of the build-'A curious change started authority is exercised by a ings that house them is es-

Following World War II, proposals were made to transform Athos into a national During this period, the century of constant decline, body of the monastic state is monument, cared for by the monasteries benefited from the monks on Athos based in Karyes, a small tourist authorities. The reother new protectors and numbered 1,145 in 1971. A monastic village that acts as newal of the monastic trasupporters: Russian czars year later, one more monk the capital of the state, dition has prevented this and monument, cared for by the In 1963, the monastic state and Hungarian and Romani- arrived, and as the years went Karyes is also the seat of the is pointing the way to a new 1. y, more followed. civil governor of Mount era of monasticism in the By 1996, 1,036 new Athos, who is appointed by "Garden of the Virgin."

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Fight to Protect Logos Spreads to the Internet

Companies Step Up Trade-Infringement Battle

By Youssef M. Torahim New York Times Service

LONDON - At first glance, Frederick Mostert appears to be a typically staid corporate lawyer.

Dressed in dark, conservative suits, Mr. Mostert on most days goes to his office here at the Richemont group, the owner of such brands, and their corpotate logotypes, as Alfred Dunhill luxury gifts, Cartier jewelry, Mont-blanc pens and Rothmans cigarettes.

But Mr. Mostert sometimes leads another life, one that involves what he calls "undercover work."

Actually, there is no secret behind Mr. Mostert's actions. The reason is as prominent as Richemont's brands: Mr. Mostert, 38, is the intellectual property counsel for Compagnie Financiere Richemont, working with a staff of 30 people to make sure no one steals or imitates the names, logos or slogans of the Swiss-based company's products.

Moreover, since May he has been the

president of the International Trademark Association, so he keeps his eye on other companies' products as well in such widely separated places as Cyprus, Brazil, Indonesia and China

'In today's globalized economy, trademark protection is serious money," Mr. Mostert said. "When a pirate moves in to copy a Coca-Cola can, shape or color, it is like placing a bet on a horse after the race is over."

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Brand names such as Coca-Cola Co., International Business Machines Corp. and McDonald's Corp. are so valuable that even approximating their adver-tising slogans to sell similar products can mean millions of dollars in lost sales

to the manufacturers of the real thing.
In the past decade, Mr. Mostert has helped pursue trademark thieves who used the Pizza Hut name to sell frozen pies in Cyprus and chase after others who used Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse to promote a golf game in Buenos Aires.

Complicating his job is the fact that trademarks are multiplying at a dizzying pace as the world's economy expands, increasing the temptation to steal brand names and designs.

According to the World Intellectual Property Organization, an affiliate of the United Nations, the number of brand names registered as trademarks exceeds 9 million, more than double the number in 1974. But trademark protection has lagged far behind this growth.

There is no global system for pro-tecting trademarks, said Geoffrey Yu, the director of global communications at the Geneva-based organization, and the Internet has created even more opportunities for trademark infringemen

"International treaties simply don't match the explosion of digital communications," Mr. Yu said. "It takes years, maybe decades, to formulate an international treaty. The Internet explosion has created a situation that was plosion has created a situation that was never foreseen." Trademark hijacking on the Internet is growing in countries where brand-name protection laws are weak. Mr. Mostert spends hours sufing the Internet, following a growing population of what he calls "global pirates" who have registered Internet. addresses for themselves that look identical to real trademark names.

Experts say the problems have become particularly widespread in the past 15 years as advances in communications, including satellite television and the Internet, have brought instant images, sports and world events to billions of viewers around the world.

"Until recently, trademark was a territorial concept." Mr. Mostert said. "Now it's what I call a cross-border phenomenon." He said that it was relarrively easy to track people producing counterfeit products within a specific region such as North or South America or a single country. But now, trademark infringements are occurring throughout most of the world.

As a result, multinational corporations such as Pizza Hut Inc., Intel Corp., Coca-Cola and others are acting on their own, hiring legions of lawyers and investigators to pursue pirates, including those registering a brand name or an approximation of it on the Internet.

The volume of counterfeiting has also grown. The association estimates that businesses lost sales of \$2.1 billion to trademark pirates last year alone.











Top EU Bankers Open to Rate Cuts

Duisenberg and Tietmeyer Indicate They've Heard Politicians' Calls

By Barry James

BRUSSELS - The top two European central bankers, responding to criticism about right monetary targets, him-ed Thursday that they might not be opposed to cuts in interest rates, saying the threat of deflation - not just inflation - should be watched.

The comments followed a series of calls for lower interest rates from politicians concerned about a slowing economy. The finance minister of France, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, added his voice to those calls Thursday. He said there was scope for further interest-rate cuts in Europe but insisted he was not challenging the independence of the European Central Bank, which will manage monetary policy for the 11 countries introducing a single currency next year.

Until now, central bankers have gen-erally bristled at such calls. But the president of the European Central Bank, Wim Duisenberg, said in a speech in New York that while price stability was the bank's principal aim, "Deflation in the measured price index would not be considered to be consistent with price

The president of the Bundesbank,

Hans Tietmeyer, said the German central bank was checking whether interest rates were appropriate. Though he reiterated the importance of price stability, he said assessments should include sounding out "possible room for

rate cuts. Neither banker indicated, bowever, that such a move was imminent. With only 50 days to go before the intro-duction of the euro, governments and the new central bank have been going out of their way to play down hints of conflict over interest rates and econom-

ic growth. The president of the European Commission, Jacques Santer, said the bank was strong enough to engage in a debate with governments about the direction of economic policy without having to feel that its independence was under threat. Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa, a member

of the bank's executive board, said it did not see its independence being threatened by calls for lower interest rates to stimulate economies and create jobs.

"There is no risk that we won't be able to make appropriate decisions," he told the daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. "We are not that weak."

Mr. Strauss-Kahn said European inflation was so low that "many objective

reasons" existed for the bank to lower rates with the introduction of the euro Jan. 1. He said it was not inconceivable that French and German interest raies could fall. "But that's the job of the independent central bank," he added.

Sweden announced a reduction in in-

terest rates Thursday. Even though it is not joining the monetary union, it was an example of the magnetic pull of the new currency. Britain, another outsider, cut rates last week. Italy and Spain also have reduced rates as the 11 countries in the euro zone converge toward the German and French rate level of 3.3 percent.

Speaking to the Danish Institute of International Affairs in Copenhagen. Mr. Santer suggested that it was not heresy for governments to question the new central bank's monetary policy. Some analysts have said that the bank might resist calls for interest-rate reductions to avoid giving the impression it was buckling to political pressures.

Referring to the Maastricht Treaty on European union, he said: "The statutory independence afforded by the treaty should give the ECB confidence to engage from a position of strength in a . dialogue on its policy. The treaty provides ample scope for dialogue between the ECB and the other institutions."

Chrysler Vanishes Into a Bold Venture

By Keith Bradsher New York Times Service

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan -After decades of close calls with bankruptcy, a government bailout and finally a recent flood of profits from minivan and Jeep sales, Chrysler Corp. disappeared as an independent company Thursday and united with Daimler-Benz AG of Germany.

With \$140 billion in annual sales, the new company, DaimlerChrysler AG, is the world's fourth-largest. It will have 428,000 employees and sell vehicles ranging from Plymouth Neons costing \$12,120 to Mercedes-Benz CL-600 coupes at \$137,895.

Shareholders of both companies are exchanging their shares for stock in the combined company, which will have headquarters in this nonhem suburb of Detroit and in Stuttgart. The official language of the combined company will

be English, partly because many German engineers speak English. Top jobs and even upper-middle-management posts will be shared fairly evenly among Americans and Germans

Chrysler and Daimler have gone to elaborate lengths to prevent cultural clashes, but one of the most popular subjects of speculation in the global auto industry is whether the company can raise revenue and cut costs while avoiding the cultural conflicts that have plagued previous cross-border alliances

Skeptics recall that the last comparable trans-Atlantic partnership, the controlling stake in American Motors Corp. that Renault of France obtained in the early 1980s, produced few savings and deep management differences. Renault sold AMC to Chrysler in 1987.

Further, skeptics say that because Daimler and Chrysler want customers to continue to perceive their brands as dif-

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ferent, they will not share many engines and other important parts.

John Smith Jr., chairman of General Motors Corp., said the combination would not significantly increase the competitive pressure on GM. Daimler-Chrysler's size might allow it to demand better deals from suppliers, he said, but be added, "I don't see there's that much in the way of great synergy.

Chrysler and Daimler officials strongly disagree, calling Daimler a logical partner for marketing Chrysler's vehicles overseas.

Chrysler's stock traded for the last time Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange, It was up \$1.375 at \$48.4375. DaimlerChrysler, trading on a when-issued basis, finished in Frankfurt at 132 Deutsche marks (\$78.38), and Daimler's shares fell 5 DM to 133. Regular trading of the combined company's shares is to begin Tuesday in New York under the symbol DCX.

Thinking Ahead /Commentary

Unexpected Praise for Transnationals

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune

tinational companies have always made great scapegoals for anyone with a grudge against the capitalist system. Over the years, they have been accused of plundering Third World resources, exporting jobs and incomes from the richer countries and violating himan rights and paying slave wages

in the poorer ones. Of course, the picture drawn by the most rabid opponents of transnational corporations, or TNCs, as they are known nowadays, is a caricature. It is usually one-sided and inaccurate, and

has been assumed by the United Na-tions Conference on Trade and Development, a Geneva-based UN agency with sympathies for developing nations that can hardly be accused of a pro-business bias.

the agency's latest findings, published this week in its annual World Investment Report, will be of little comfort to those who dislike TNCs and the process of economic globalization in which their activities are so deeply ingrained, both as cause and effect.

The report says the world's top man-afacturing TNCs are becoming larger. increasingly through mergers and ac- ingly have to offer sound monetary,

quisitions, and ever more transnational fiscal and exchange-rate policies and, — in the sense that more and more of especially, technology policies such as their assets, sales and employment are to be found outside their home countries.

Those home countries are no longer exclusively the United States and other industrial nations. Foreign assets of the leading TNCs from developing countries have been rising much faster than those from the richer nations.

The United States, Japan, Britain, France and Germany still account for three quarters of the top 100 TNCs, ranked by foreign assets in 1996. But Daewoo Corp. of South Korea comes in at number 43 and Petroleos de Venezuela at 73.

The main point, however, is that, wherever it comes from, virtually all the countries in the world now want the So it is good that someone is keeping foreign direct investment these companies on what the TNCs are up to manner. That task feel about the volatile flows of financial capital associated with the Asian

While some countries, such as Malaysia, seek to shield themselves from financial, or "speculative" cap-ital flows, competition to attract the kind of investment that builds factories and promotes new technology is constantly getting tougher and more so-phisticated.

It is no longer enough, the report says, for a country to introduce liberal trade and investment policies — a basic pro-investment regime "is now a given."

Would-be host countries increas-

refecommunications privatization, tax credits for research and programs to facilitate partnerships between domes-

tic and foreign companies.

For the TNCs are no longer just looking for raw materials, cheap labor and big new markets. They still want those. But as they establish integrated worldwide operations, they are also evaluating each country's financial and communications infrastructure, and other assets such as a skilled work force and a pro-business culture.

All this is having positive effects that can spread widely through society. In order to anract investment, the report says, more countries are curbing the "nuisance costs" of doing business, for instance by eliminating corroption and red tape.

These trends are unlikely to be sidetracked by the Asian crisis. Indeed they may even accelerate as such countries as South Korea and Thailand restructure their economies. Foreign direct investment in both those countries is actually expected to rise quite sharply this year, against a big drop in In-donesia.

TNCs, the report points out, "have a much longer perspective than do most investors in international bonds and equities." They are less prone to "herd" behavior. Perhaps, after all, the "speculators" make better scapegoats.

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about \$600 million in stock and assumed debt, strengthening

the company's position as the largest U.S. developer of self-

• Ames Department Stores Inc. agreed to acquire Hills Stores Co. for \$330 million in casb and assumed debt, creating

Newcourt Credit Group Inc. is considering putting itself up for sale, sources said. The Toronto-based company, which

arranges loans to companies and packages them into asset-

• Brazil's central bank lowered a key lending rate to 42.25

percent from 49.75 percent to try to stimulate the economy. Separately, consumer prices fell 0.22 percent in Sao Paulo in

the 30 days that ended Saturday, led down by transport costs,

in further evidence of deflation in Latin America's largest

Meditrust to Split and Sell Assets

NEEDHAM, Massacbusetts - Meditrust Cos., a debt-

laden real estate investment trust, said Thursday that it

would split itself into separate hotel and health care

backed bonds, has been battered by rising borrowing costs.

the fourth-largest discount retailer in the United States.

Very briefly:

school season.

Old Navy stores helped Gap Inc., A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. the third-largest U.S. clothing re-tailer, report a 45 percent increase Nonetheless, Gap's shares fell \$2.5625 to \$66.125.

surpassing analysts' expectations. Gap's net income was \$238 million in its third quarter, which ended Oct 31, up from \$165 million in the Limited Inc. and TJX Cos. in revyear-earlier period. Sales rose 36 enue. percent, to \$2.4 billion. The quarter Sa is considered a crucial measure of performance for clothing retailers because it includes the back-to-

Millard Drexler, Gap's president, said all divisions, including its international operations, had contributed to the strong quarter.

Catchy ads and stylish clothes such as cargo pants are drawing shoppers to the Old Navy and Gap chains. Sales are expected to remain strong in the holiday season, which analysts say will be dominated by Gap and discount retailers such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

NEW YORK - The dollar rose

yen Thursday as investors sought

Iraq.
There's always a flight to the

dollar whenever there's the threat of

military action," said Malcolm Gil-

roy, a bond trader at Laketon In-

vestment Management in Toronto.

"If there's an oil crisis, the Japanese

are going to get hit very hard by it, as

said Thursday that it would cut

1,000 oil-exploration jobs as part of

an effort to save \$200 million in

The reductions, equal to 5 percent

of Texaco's work force, follow sim-

ilar cost-cutting moves by other

U.S. oil companies. Texaco will shed 750 U.S. jobs and 250 abroad.

primarily in Britain, said Chris Gidez, a company spokesman.

against the Deutsche mark and the Gulf dramatically escalated.

sales at Gap, Banana Republic and said Brian Postol, an analyst at on ads, ap from about 2.7 percent

Ads Help Raise Gap's Net 45%

in quarterly net income Thursday, end of the quarter, compared with swing music 2.077 a year earlier. Among U.S. clothing retailers, Gap trails only

> Sales at stores open at least a year were up 13 percent from a quarter earnings fell 96 percent year earlier. So-called same-store and that future profits could be hit Old Navy, 15 percent at Banana Republic, 8 percent at Gap and 2 percent at GapKids, which sells children's clothing, analysts said.
>
> Mr. Drexler has returned Gap's courrency-exchange losses, weak

> focus to basic styles of clothing, helping it to sell more items at full price. Last year, it had to mark down prices as men shunned the \$8.2 million a year earlier. The too-trendy fashions at its mainstay results were well below Wall

advertising to bring in shoppers. \$20.4375.

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about missiles from bundreds or

lysts said. "If it's the first step, and

there will be more, then we can sit up and take notice," said Fadel Gheit,

Texaco said this week that it

would spend \$3.6 billion to \$3.7

billion this year on capital projects

such as oil exploration, 20 percent

less than the \$4.6 billion budgeted. Texaco shares rose \$1.5625 to

close at \$59,875.

an analyst at Fahnestock & Co.

thousands of miles away.

Texaco to Shed 1,000 Jobs to Cut Costs

NEW YORK - Texaco Inc., stay low next year. If so, further cuts

faced with continued low oil prices, may be on the way at Texaco, ana-

U. S. STOCK MARKET DIARY

SAN FRANCISCO — Robust success this company is having. The retailer is expected to spend about 4 percent of its sales this year about 4 percent of its sales this year last year. Gap's "Khakis swing" commercial is credited not only 2.5625 to \$66.125. with igniting sales of the pants but also with helping fuel a revival of

(Reuters, Bloomberg) ■ Lands' End Net Tumbles

Another apparel company, Lands' End Inc., said its thirdsales rose roughly 21 percent at as it liquidated merchandise at discounted prices to shrink its bloated

Dodgeville, Wisconsin.
The catalogue merchant said currency-exchange losses, weak sales and beavy markdowns had combined to push third-quarter net income down to \$347,000 from ap stores.

Street's expectations. Lands' End
He is also spending more on shares fell 12.5 cents to

Threat of U.S. Strike in Iraq Lifts Dollar

was unlikely to rise much further, though, unless the tension in the Gulf dramatically escalated.
"I don't think the dollar will rally latest proposal to cut taxes and inthough, unless the tension in the safety in the currency amid concern nearly as much in this type of situ-that the United States would attack ation, where we aren't talking ground the economy out of its worst recession in the postwar era. Against the mark, the dollar was helped by comments from European central

troops," said Ben Stranss, a trader at bankers suggesting there could be Bank Julius Baer. "We're talking cuts in European interest rates. The dollar also rose to 5.6499 French francs from 5.6268 francs re going to get hit very hard by it, as ould Germany." In 4 P.M. trading, the dollar was and to 1.3867 Swiss francs from at 121.800 yen, up from 121.765 yen Currency traders said the dollar Wednesday, and at 1.6845 Deutsche 1.3823 francs. The pound fell to \$1.6603 from \$1.6632.

Forecasts are that oil prices will Shell to Trim Europe Staff Royal Dutch/Shell Group said it would cut about 3,000 jobs at its European oil-refining and fuel-mar-

keting unit, Bloomberg News re-ported from London. The number of cuts is several hundred more than the company had predicted a year ago. The company said the moves would result in annual savings of \$180 million and are necessary to keep the company

Risk of Clash in Gulf Keeps Stocks in Check Bloomberg News NEW YORK

NEW YORK - Stocks were mixed Thursday as investors were rattled by the possibility of a mil-itary strike against Iraq. Oil companies' shares rose on the prospect that the supply of crude from the Middle East could be interrupted. but other stocks fell because of concern about the possible economic rise because it offers advertisers a

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implications.

At the close, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 5.92 points at 8,829.74. But the Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 2.66 at 1,118.31, and the Nasdaq compos-ite index was down 11.05 at

On the New York Stock Exchange, declining issues outnumbered advancing ones by a ratio of about 3-to-2.

"Anytime there is uncertainty, markets are apprehensive," said Joe Stocke, a senior portfolio manager at Meridian Investment Co.
"There is always the question that Iraq could do something to spread-the problem to Israel or Saudi Ara-

In the 10 weeks after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, the Dow industrials fell 11 percent Oil stocks climbed with the price

of crude oil, which rose about 2 percent, to \$13.80 a barrel, in New York. Exxon rose 25% to 72%, Chevron gained 31/2 to 83, and Mobil rose 2 to 73 13/16,

But computer stocks, among the. biggest gainers as the market rebounded from its lows last summer, fell. Micron Technology, a computer-chip maker, fell 1/2 to 471/4. and Compaq Computer, the largest after the close of trading Wednesday computer maker, fell % to 33% on the New York Stock Exchange. Its Dell Computer fell 23/4 to 69 3/16 after Compaq, taking a page from Dell, announced plans to sell computers directly to customers.

A number of telecommunications shares fell. Lucent Technology, the biggest maker of telephone equipment, was down 2 7/16 at 86. SBC Communications fell 11/16 to 47 9/16, Bell Atlantic shed 15/16 to 54, and BellSouth was down 17/16

EarthWeb, an on-line provider of news and technical information for designers of Web sites, surged 20 9/16 to 691/4 on its second day of trading, powered by continued investor enthusiasm for Internet.

analyst at Needham & Co. Individual investors are accounting for much of the gain.

"Guys are sitting at home in front of their computer on E-Trade, buy-ing Web stocks," Mr. Chandler said. That's what's sparking this rally."
Though Earth Web does not sell items to consumers, its revenue will

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targeted audience on the World Wide Web, he said. The prices of Treasury securities rose, with the benchmark 30-year bond up 18/32 point to 100. That brought the yield down to 5.25 per-

cent from 5.29 percent.

Monsanto Plans To Raise \$5 Billion In Restructuring

New York Types Service CHICAGO - Monsanto Co. which for the past few years has aggressively pushed into biotech-nology and pharmaceuticals, plans to raise about \$5 billion by restructuring its operations, reducing its work force as much as 9 percent, or 2,500 jobs, and selling additional shares to the public.

The company said that the plan. which comes just a month after its failed merger with American Hon? Products Corp. is expected to help finance Monsanto's recent acquisitions of a number of seed businesses and prepare the company to develop a number of promising new products.

Monsanto announced the plan shares fell 75 cents Thursday to close at \$37.9375. But analysts say that without the American Home Products deal, which some believe broke down because of a dispute over who would run the new company, Monsanto found itself in desperate

They paid big bucks for their seed businesses, and they also have a lot of drug products in the pipeline," said Richard O'Reilly, an analyst with the Standard & Poor's Equity Group. "Right now, they have a lot on their plate, and so they have to pay some of the bill until the drug pipeline comes to fruition.

Monsanto is very optimistic, stocks. Internet stocks have been about a new arthritis drug, Celebrex about a new ar

companies and sell \$1 billion of assets. Property being put up for sale includes golf-related real estate, the Santa Anita Racetrack in California and about \$550 million in bealth care properties. Thomas Taylor, interim chairman of Meditrust's boards, said Meditrust would divide itself into two real estate investment trusts by the end of next year. Under the restructuring, one will hold health-care assets, which mainly consist of nursing-home and long-termcare facilities all over the country, while the other will contain all of Meditrust's \$2.5 billion in hotel properties.

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Russia to Allow Half Of Its Banks to Fail

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commercial banks to fail after the Russian government's 1999 budget government's default on its Treasbefore it would consider paying the
ury debt in August deprived them of next \$4.3 billion installment of \$22.6

The central bank said 720 of the estimated 1,500 Russian banks agreement with creditors on restrucwould be allowed to fail, representing 34 percent of the assets in the government debt. Until an agreeentire banking system and 32 percent of all deposits.

The government would need 141 servicing debt next year. billion rubles (\$9.06 billion) to save first deputy chairman of the central

"We clearly do not have this money." Mr. Kozlov told the Budget Committee of the lower house of Parliament. "A program is being proposed that would not mean quarter of all the banks assets.

The central bank will put its plan

Zadornov said Moscow expected the rubles in emergency loans to 10 ruble to lose a further 24 percent of its commercial banks, he said. value against the dollar in the coming. year, which would mean a dollar value of 20 to 21 rubles. The dollar

6.20 rubles in August.
The ruble rate "will depend a lot but the rate of inflation," Mr. Zadornov said after a session of the rubles to begin operating properly, lower house of Parliament. "We he said But not all of those banks can't give the exact budget para-meters yet because we aren't yet

done negotiating our internal debt."
Russia had pinned its hopes on an aid package led by the International Monetary Fund, But disbursement of the loans was halted after Russia defaulted on its debt. Some relief came Thursday from Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi of Japan, who pledged \$100 million in aid and advice to Russian

industry during a visit to Moscow.

The aid will include technical assistance to Russian companies, advice on seeking financing and 'co-operation in integrating Russia into the world economic system," according to a statement issued during the meetings between Mr. Obuchi and Russian officials.

release the next \$800 million in-MOSCOW — The Russian cen-tral bank said Thursday ir would Russia as soon as possible. Allow almost half of the country's The IMF said it wanted to see the

billion in IMF-led loans. Completing the budget also requires reaching turing 281 billion rubles of defaulted ment is reached, the government will not be able to calculate its cost for

The central bank said Thursday all the banks, said Andrei Kozlov, that Russia would not be able to pay all its foreign debt obligations next

saving all banks."

The central bank will put its plant for rescuing the banking system into action next week, Mr. Kozlov said. Though its board of directors has yet rulted on its debts. to approve the plan, the central bank
Finance Minister Mikhail already has handed out 14 billion

rose to 15.58 rubles Thursday from saying only that the government 15.56 rubles Wednesday. It was at would my to keep the cost to a "minimum The banks the central bank considers worth saving need 54 billion

Mr. Kozlov would not say how

much the government would have to

will get loans, he added. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

carrier collapsed.

MCI Breakup Aids BT Profit

LONDON - British Telecommunications PLC said Thursday its

first-half profit rose 66 percent, helped by a one-time payment from MCI Communications Corp. after a planned alliance with the U.S.

BT's pretax profit rose to £2.60 billion (\$4.32 billion) from £1.56

The company said profit was lifted by a one-time gain of £1.1 billion

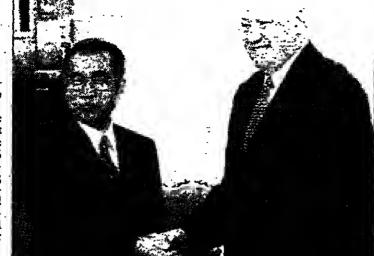
billion a year earlier, as sales rose to £8.64 billion from £7.85 billion.

from the collapse of its deal with MCL BT sold its 20 percent stake in

MCI for \$7 billion and was awarded a "breakup fee" of \$465 million

The gains helped offset the impact of an economic slowdown in

after MCI agreed to a takeover bid from WorldCom Inc.



Keizo Obuchi meeting Thursday with President Boris Yeltsin in Moscow. The Japanese prime minister pledged \$100 million in aid.

Telekom to Slash Charges

FRANKFURT - Deutsche Telekom AG announced sweeping cuts Thursday in telephone charges spend to rescue salvageable banks, an all-out price war in Germany's saying only that the government newly liberated telecom market.

Europe's largest telephone com-pany said it had asked regulators for permission to introduce a simplified tariff structure in early January, cutting long distance charges as much as 63 percent and some regional calls by about a third.

Until now, the former monopoly

resisted slashing prices in its first year of long-distance compension. betting consumers would be wary of switching to unlested rivals. Telin what analysts said would provoke ekom's new prices at times would undercut some of its cheapest comperitors if they're approved by German regulators.

competition out to react to these prices," said Frank Rothauge, an analysi at Oppenheim Finanzalyse.

Telekom said it could offset most of the resulting revenue loss by improving its competitive position. boosting its business volume and increasing revenue from other busi-

Shares in Telekom, which is 74 percent owned by the government with the remainder in private sector hands, closed at 44,75 Deutsche marks (\$26.70), down 95 pfennig.

The cuts are in response to agressive competition that has reduced Telekom's share of the market for based in a non-European Union long-distance calls to about 74 per-country and so barred from con-Telekom's share of the market for cent since it lost its monopoly with deregulation at the start of 1998.

Analysts said private sector comsuit, triggering a brutal round of price cuts. (Reuters, Bloomberg) sidiaries. (Rhomberg) Sidiaries.

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SAirGroup Buys 49.9% Of German Tour Firm

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ZURICH - SAirGroup, the parent company of Swissair, said Thursday that it had bought a 49.9 percent stake in LTU Group of Germany, which owns a charter airline and several four operators.

SAir, which is seeking to expand its share of the growing European leisure industry, did not disclose how much it had paid Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and other investors for the stake. It declined to comment on a report in the Financial Times that it had spent more than I billion Swiss francs 1\$723.4 million). LTU Group consists of a 29-fleet airline and LTT-Touristik, which operates six tour operators: Tjacreborg. Meier's Weltreisen, Jahnreisen, Smile & Fly, THR and Marlboro Reisen.

Analysts praised the move by SAir, saying the company was on the right track in moving to attract leisure customers.

"It will be positive in the long term, "said Christoph Streit, an analyst at Bank Leu AG in Zurich. They are well positioned in Europe to strengthen their charter operations. Consumer confidence is 'It's going to be very hard for the expected to pick up in Switzerland and Germany next year."

Germany has the biggest holiday and leisure industry in Europe, and spending is rising at 4 percent a year, Swissair said.

SAir said it had formed a holding company for the stake in LTU. That company, LTU-Holding, next year will buy the remaining 50.1 percent of LTU, SAir said. It said Germanbased investors then would take a 39.9 percent stake in the new company and WesiLB would buy back 10.2 percent of it. SAir is not allowed to hold more than a 49.9 percent stake in LTU because it is trolling an EU airline.

The move was prompted by German regulators, who asked WestLB to sell its LTU Group stake because

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Very briefly:

 Den Danske Bank AS, Denmark's biggest bank, bought 9.97 percent of Norway's fifth-biggest bank, Fokus Bank ASA, and offered to buy all remaining shares for 77 Norwegian kroner (\$10.29) per share. The offer values Fokus at about 5.6 billion kroner.

• Prince Walid ibn Talal of Saudi Arabia bought a nearly 10 percent stake worth about \$9 billion in United Bank for Africa PLC, Nigeria's third-largest commercial bank, from Banque Nationale de Paris SA, as an entry into Africa's second-largest economy.

 Zeneca Group PLC said it would sell its specialty chemicals business to focus on pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals.

 The Netherlands' industrial production rose 0.3 percent. far less than expected, while state buying incentives helped Italian factory output rise 1.7 percent, as both countries weathered the effects of recessions in Asia and Russia in

• The European Union has warned Italy that its plan to preserve the I trillion lire (\$600 million) license fee charged to Telecom Italia SpA, transforming it into a special tax on sales, contraveoes EU legislation.

· Credit Lyonnais SA. France's fourth-biggest bank, has agreements from two Spanish savings banks, Caja Madrid and Caja Duero, to buy its Spanish retail banks, Banco Jover and Credit Lyonnais Espana, for up to 14.2 billion pesetas (\$99.1 million), another step in the asset sales that are part of its state-funded bailout.

•VEBA AG predicted that full-year net profit would fall "significantly" due to losses in its silicon wafer business and start-up costs in its relecommunications joint venture. VEBA's third-quarier net profit fell 25.8 percent, to 560 million Deutsche marks (\$332.5 million).

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Britain. Strong demand for mobile-phone service also helped earnings. Japan also pledged Wednesday to

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Very briefly:

• China's dellation slowed in October as retail prices fell 2.9 percent from a year earlier, state-run China Central Television reported. That was the 13th consecutive month of a decline in the retail price index from year-earlier levels, though the October decline was smaller than the 3.3 percent drop posted for September.

 South Korea plans to list state-run Korea Telecom on its stock exchange by the end of December, paving the way for a \$1.5 billion stock sale overseas by the nation's biggest phone company. The government has sold 28.8 percent of Korea Telecom to domestic investors in recent years.

 Australia's jobless rate fell to 7.7 percent in October, its lowest reading in eight years, providing further evidence that the economy is weathering Asia's crisis and dimming expectations the central bank will cut interest rates soon.

 Mitsubishi Motors Corp.'s president, Katsuhiko Kawasoe, said there was no future for "hybrid" automobiles powered by electricity and gasoline, despite advances rivals had made with the technology. "It is not a viable business," he said. You can only manufacture a very limited number of cars."

· All Nippon Airways Co. of Japan and China Eastern Airlines Co. will sign a code-sharing agreement to cut costs and increase access to each other's base regions.

• City Developments Ltd.. Singapore's largest publicly to disclose the identity of the intraded real-estate developer, is looking to buy hotels in Tokyo, vestors and will probably refuse to do Bhombers AFP so because it would violate their ments in other developed markets. Seoul and Thailand.

Japan's Stimulus Plan Leaves Market Skeptical

By Sheryl WuDunn

TOKYO - The governing Liberal Democratic Party unveiled a plan to bolster the economy Thursday, but the financial markets greeted not mentioned in the outline. it skeptically, and analysis described it as a melange of relatively minor and could still be redrawn. steps that would have little effect.

The package could end up being worth \$150 billion, making it the economy out of recession. But no official figure was disclosed, and in the consumption tax. any case, its size and implementation will depend on political developments,

The draft, which is expected to be formally endorsed by the governlion jobs and to spur consumer consumption tax for at least one

HONG KONG - A new code of

conduct at Hong Kong's stock and

futures exchanges will make it

nearly impossible for investors to do

business legally with banks in coun-

The rules - which take effect

Friday for investors registered with

the Securities and Futures Commis-

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Investors Assail New Rules

Hong Kong Orders Traders to Reveal All Details

tries that have banking-secrecy and even if they did, you'd just have

iax cuts and the distribution of \$5.7 billion in merchandise coupons. Onc proposal, a rollback of last year's increase in the consumption tax, was

Party - which has entered intense discussions to form a possible colargest in a series of efforts to lift the alition with the Liberal Democrats -has been pushing for a rollback in

"If we reach agreement on a coalition, then today's package means nothing, said Yoshio Suzuki, ment Monday, aims to create 1 mil- called for a repeal of the 5 percent

banking laws. "You can't go to a

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that they release names," said Henry Lee, managing director of Hendale Asia Fund Ltd. in Hong Kong.

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The Securities and Futures Com-

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Democrats have resisted such a step. also say they doubt it will do much things the same.

spending with cheaper housing year, after which the tax would be Economists say the stimulus er Calderwood, chief economist at v prevent the bottom from falling out Ltd. in Tokyo. "It lacks coherence. from under the economy, but they or a theme, other than keeping

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Honda and Mazda Profit Speeds Up

nothing. said Yoshio Duzura, policy planning chairman for the Liberal Party. The Liberal Party has called for a repeal of the 5 percent companies in other industries more domestic demand were relians on domestic demand were unable to escape the country's deepening recession.

The automakers, Honda Motor Co. and Mazda Motor Corp., said their profits in the first half rose sbarply, helped by strong overseas sales and the weakness of the yen during the period, which ended

Sept. 30. Honda, whose Accord was the second-best-selling car in the United States last year, said oretax profit rose to 281.5 billion ven (\$2.3 billion) from 222.6 billion yen a year earlier, prompting it to raise its full-year forecast. Mazda, a Ford Motor Co. affiliate, also increased mission said it was aware of en- its full-year forecast after it said pretax profit rose to 18.8 billion yen

from 5.2 billion yen a year earlier. Unlike Nissan Motor Co. and members of the stock and futures Mitsubishi Motors Corp., which posted losses in the first half as sales slumped in Asia, Honda and Mazda make most of their money in the Keung, said: "We anticipate that United States and Europe, where the there might be difficulties, and we strength of the dollar and the takes place in Hong Kong, the trader needs to know the buyer, the seller cation of the rules.

Deutsche mark early in the financial year expanded revenue from boomyear expanded revenue from boom-"However, if the financial inter- ing sales,

"Honda bas a very strong brand image in the U.S., and Mazda's brand image is strong in Europe." said Steve Usher, an analyst at Jardine Fleming Securines (Asia) Ltd. At Honda, for example, U.S. ve-

hicle sales rose 6.5 percent to

offset a 10.7 percent decline in do-

mestic sales to 326,000 vehicles. Two big consumer-electronics companies, Sanyo Electric Co. and Sharp Corp., were not so fortunate. Sharp, the world's largest maker

of liquid-crystal display screens, said profit fell to 7.8 billion yen from 36.6 billion yen a year earlier because of tumbling prices for the display screens, microchips and some audiovisual appliances. Sales rose 0.5 percent to a record 901.24

in desktop personal computers' customers switched to cheaper commonitors, tumbled 54 percent in the petitors or to KDD's own discount April-September period from a year

earlier because of oversupply. Group net income at Sanyo. yen.

556,000. In Europe, sales rose 2.4 whose products range from compercent to 130,000. Together, that puter peripheral equipment to refrigerators and vending machines. slipped to 5.72 billion yeo from 9.88 billion yen a year carlier. Sales fell 1.5 percent, to 939.8 billion yen. Sanyo, which relies on Japan and

the rest of Asia for 70 percent of its sales, had a worse-than-expected half because of sluggish demand and price declines in those markets. said Masashi Kubota, an analyst at ING Baring Securities (Japan) Ltd.

In another report, Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Japan's largest inbillion yen.

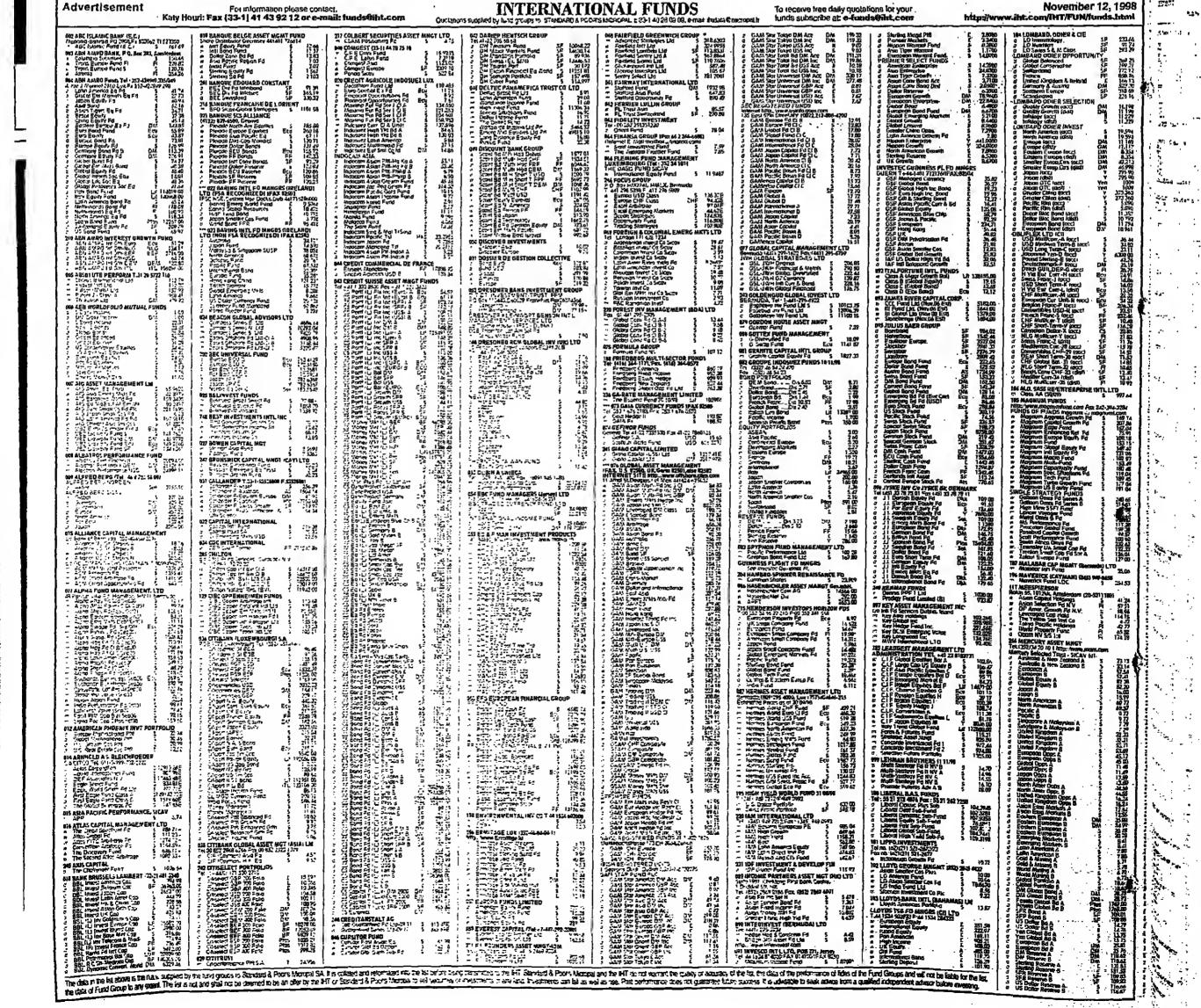
Sharp said average prices for t2.1-inch LCD screens, mostly used in destroy the state of the st plans. Revenue fell 5.8 percent, to 144 billion yen from 153 billion yen. (AFX, Bloomberg News)

Malaysia Woos Palm Oil Firms

SINGAPORE -- The Kuala Lumpur Commodity Exchange, burt by the financial controls imposed by the government of Malaysia, is lobbying palm oil trading companies in Singapore in an effort to woo back investors.

Foreign investors pulled out after Malaysia, in an effort to avoid the financial turmoil of its neighbors, imposed regulations in September that blocked repatriation of funds. Although Malaysia's central bank has since removed that restriction on proceeds from trading of derivatives, foreign investors are staying away. Daily trading volume of crude palm oil futures on the exchange has fallen 35 percent from 1997

Malaysia is the world's largest producer of palm oil, with exports of the commodity earning 9.8 billion ringgit (\$2.6 billion) in the first half of 1998.



INTERNATIONAL INVESTING

Maybe It's Again Time to Hold Those Tigers

WASHINGTON - If you think JAMES K. GLASSMAN ON INVESTING the U.S. market is bot these days, take a look at the emerging markets of

Yes, Asia. Remember the land of crumbling economies, falling currencies and frightened investors? Wellwith most Asian markets. Since Aug.. 13, however, it is up by more than

From its low a few months ago, Thailand's major stock index has risen 111 percent; South Korea's, 57 percent: Singapore's, 64 percent; China's, 27 percent. And in just the past seven weeks, the Jakarta composite index in Indonesia has doubled. ivil of these increases are in U.S.

But despite these advances, Asia is still far cheaper than it was 15 months : ago when the crisis began. The markets in South Korea and China are each down by more than half; Thailand, by 48 percent; Hong Kong, by a third. Even Taiwan, whose economy bring them to the level of U.S. stocks was said to be immune to the Asian over the same period. disease, is down 39 percent.

So maybe it's time for investors who have shunned international stocks to devote some cash to Asia. But then again, maybe not. Let me offer instead two choices for different lovers, and 2) global blue chips for the more sedentary. In this column, I'll Asia Observer, also worries that these look at Asia, in my next one, I'll healthy profits will convince Asian

9 Funds Reopen, Stressing Small-Caps

WASHINGTON -- Nine U.S. mu- Wasatch MicroCap, a value-oriented tual funds, most of them focusing on fund that owns such tiny stocks as

cently reopened to new investors. The editor of the No-Load Fund Inc., each of which has jumped more cially fond right now of micro-cap funds, or those focusing on some of the smallest publicly traded compa-nies, two of which are reopening: the Merger Fund, with risk levels a Scudder Micro-Cap, which has risen 16 percent in the past month, and

appear in the Money Reportsection in the Saturday-Sunday editions of the ening of currencies will be postponed. International Herald Tribune.]

I am agnostic on the question of the Hang Seng Index in Hong Kong is which to pick. In fact, it may be smart rising more often than not in recent to buy both. But either way, as a longdays, although it fell Thursday along term investor you need international exposure — between 10 percent and "bottoming" — in other words, they 30 percent of your holdings. Other countries, after all, account for roughly three-quarters of the world's ents, "there is no sense of hopeless-output, and research has shown that, ness, as most expect the region to by adding non-U.S. stocks to your recover. The only questions are, portfolio, you reduce its overall risk. Make no mistake. While Asia

beckons. Asia is volatile. Take, for example, the closed-end Korea Fund, which trades on the New York Stock Exchange. Over the past two months, it has risen more than 50 percent; nevertheless, investors who and September, we should not expect bought the fund at the start of 1995 have lost half of their money. The fund needs to double from here to get them even — and more than triple to

Like the Korea Fund, Asia itself is a picture of both optimism and dev-astation. Jim Walker, chief economist nt Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia, says there could be a major rebound" in corporate earnings across sorts of investors: 1) Asia, for risk- Asia in 1999. But Mr. Walker, interviewed in the new issue of Grant's discuss global blue chips. [Mr. Glass-man's next column is scheduled to over—and, as a result, that necessary

of potential energy.

How to play it? Trying to ferret out individual stocks is exceptionally difficult for the small investor. Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, for example, stocks. Sony and other large Japanese Investor, Sheldon Jacobs, is espethan 50 percent since Oct. 8. consumer companies - such as Canon Inc., Fuji Photo Film Co., Toyota Wasatch's only drawback: high ex-Motor Corp. - are well-run international companies that have largely

avoided the Asian crisis, but their prices reflect that fact. small fraction of those of its peers. — JAMES K. GLASSMAN To find good Asian companies that

buying stocks now?' "

seems to have a sensible view. He told me that, while most Asian markets "formed a lasting bottom" in August

in America lost an entire decade in the

1980s, and so could Asia, where

On the other hand, Mr. Malpass

contends, the problems of China and

Hong Kong are exaggerated and de-

valuations are "highly unlikely, given

Hong Kong's currency board and

It's not hyperbole to say that Asian

stocks could present a once-in-a-life-

time opportunity, with an abundant

market of consumers, a smart and

dedicated work force and managers who are only now learning that return on equity is more important than rev-

enue alone. Asia, in short, is a bundle

China's preference for stability."

debt burden remains heavier."

have been beaten up, your best bet is mutual funds. The top performer over the past five years, according to Value Line, has been Merrill Lynch Pacific, which at last report had two-thirds of its assets in Japan. Leading funds that eschew Japan include Fidelity Southeast Asia, T. Rowe Price New Asia Byron Wien, a highly regarded analyst at Morgan Stanley Dean Wiland Templeton Pacific Growth each of which has at least one-fourth

ter, recently returned from a trip to Asia and said that economies were of its assets in Hong Kong stocks. "bottoming" -- in other words, they won't get much worse. For an even larger dose of Hong Kong, consider Guinness Flight China & Hong Kong, which has soared 36 percent in the past three months. Leading its portfolio are HSBC Holdings PLC, a Hong Kong financial-services company; Hong Kong Tele-com Ltd., and China Telecom (Hong When? and, Is it too early to start David Malpass, chief international Kong) Ltd., which has risen 75 pereconomist at Bear, Steams & Co., cent since mid-August. All three

stocks trade on U.S. exchanges. Guinness Flight also offers a new Asia Small Cap fund, with holdings roughly split among Hong Kong. Singapore and China, plus a smatering of issues from Thailand and Malaysia.

too much too soon. Per-capita in-come, he says, "will take five to 10 years to recover to 1996 levels." Lat-For those who crave even more risk, consider closed-end country funds such as the Thai Fund or the Singapore Fund. Another alternative is World Equiry Benchmark Shares which are portfolios of stocks that each reflect a Morgan Stanley Capital International country index and trade on the American Stock Exchange. There are such portfolios for Hong Kong (stock symbol EWH), Japan (EWJ), Malaysia (EWM) and Singapore (EWS).

Cohen Is Bullish

Bloomherg News HONG KONG - Abby Joseph Cohen, chief investment strategist at Goldman, Sachs & Co., said Thursday the U.S. stock market still offered opportunities for investors in such industries as

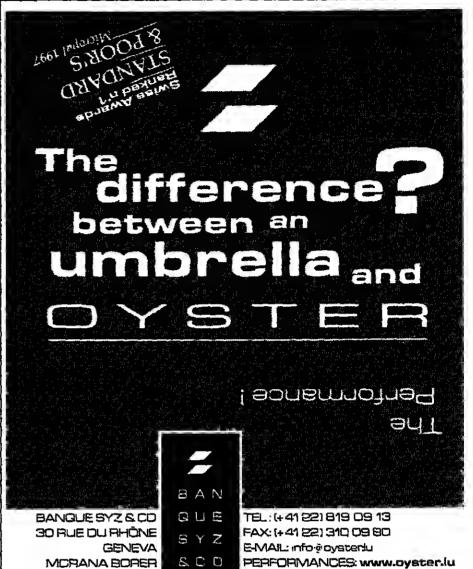
energy and technology.
"1999 is a year of economic growth," she said, "It's a year of profit growth." Ms. Cohen said figures from Motorola Inc. and In-tel Corp. suggested profit would exceed expectations next year.

Very briefly:

• Jamie Jaffee, who has stepped down as head of Fidelity Investments' Charitable Gift Fund, is gearing up to tackle how investors give money to hears. She will head up a new Fidelity initiative to woo customers grappling with inheritance and estate planning. The project, still under wraps, reflects Fidelity's new efforts to tap into the private side of wealth transfer as well as retain customers at every stage. We have lots of rules preventing banks from selling funds are rules preventing banks from selling funds are customers who face the issue of inheritance scrapped.

every day," said Fidelity's marketing head, Stephen Cone.

 Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd., Japan's largest commercial lender, said it would sell mutual funds developed by Nikko Securities Co., Fidelity Investments and its own asset management unit. The bank will sell 11 mutual



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AL Manager of Year **Award for Torre**

BASEBALL Joe Torre of the New York Yankees was overwhelmingly voted American League
Manager of the Year on Thursday.
Torre got 23 first-place votes,
four seconds and one third for 128
points in voting by the Baseball
Writers' Association of America.

Jimy Williams, the Boston manager, was a distant second with three firsts and 59 points. New York finished the regular

season 114-48, setting an AL record for victories and went 11-2 in the postseason, sweeping the San Diego Padres in the World Series.

Cuban Women Keep Title

VOLLEYBALL Cuba retained the women's volleyball world championship Thursday, beating China, 15-14, 16-14, 15-12, in the final. Cuba also beat the Chinese, 3-0, in the Olympic final two years ago.

The Cubans dropped just two sets in the two-week competition. Russia, the top ranked team entering the tournament, came back from a set down to take bronze with a 3-1 victory over Brazil. (Reuters)

Browns Hire Security Chief

FOOTBALL The newly- formed Cleveland Browns said Thursday they were hiring Lewis Merletti, the outgoing U.S. Secret Service

director, as security co-ordinator.

Merletti protected Presidents
Reagan, Bush and Clinton and
fought unsuccessfully to keep his
agents from testifying in the Monica Lewinsky investigation. He will become the Browns' vice president and director of stadium and security affairs.

Goalie Brimsek Is Dead

ICE HOCKEY Frank Brimsek, a Hall of Fame goalie who was nick-named "Mr. Zero" after posting six shutouts in his first eight National Hockey League games, died Wednesday at 85.

Brimsek recorded 42 shutouts in his career with the Boston Bruins and Chicago Blackhawks. (AP)

Compensation for Ski Fan

OLYMPICS A court in the northem Japanese city of Urawa ordered the organizers of the Nagano Winter Olympics to pay 3,560 yen (\$28.88) in damages for mental anguish to a spectator who missed a ski jumping event because of heavy

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribune

EVILLE, Spain — Unfortunately for Sharron Davies, she was at her peak as a swimmer in the years when the East German women's team was at its peak: dominating international competition with the help - as the recent trials in Germany have made clear — of a systematic, state-sponsored program that fed hundreds of athletes

performance-enhancing drugs. When Davies won her silver medal for Britain in the 400 meter individual medley in Moscow, the East German Petra Schneider finished more than 10 seconds ahead of her to take the gold and set a world record.

Davies was convinced then that Schneider had an unfair advantage, and 1g years later she believes she has proof after speaking with Schneider in August and digging through East German state files. Now, she wants the International Olympic Committee to offer her some form of justice.
"A crime is a crime whether it was 50

years ago, five years ago or five minutes ago." Davies said. "You will never be able to give me or other swimmers back our moment of standing up on the podium but to be able to put it straight in the record books would be a step in the right direction."

The British Olympic Association has competitions."

Carrard was Olympic Committee on behalf of Dayies. The U.S. Olympic Committee has filed a similar petition on behalf of the American women's medley relay team that finished second behind the East Germans at the 1976 Olympics in

Both appeals will be evaluated by the IOC's executive board Dec. 11-14 in Lausanne, Switzerland, and the potential repercussions for world sport are enormous if the IOC decides to approve a new version of history.

"The result has no meaning anymore so why let it stay in the record books?" Davies said. "If we all know the truth, why let it sit there."

According to the IOC executive di-rector, Francois Carrard, the executive board could make a ruling or refer the protests to the general assembly. It could also decide to address the protests further at the conference on daping scheduled for February in Lausanne.

The chances of a radical move from the IOC do not appear great. Last month, Jacques Rogge, an executive board member, said: "There is absolutely not

going to be any change for things that happened more than 10 years ago."

"At this stage," he said, "we still have no documented evidence of doping of an athlete on the day of Olympic

Carrard was less categorical Thursday. "There have been comments from members of the board that, in principle, the IOC doesn't think it should rewrite history or reallocate medals," he said, nistory of reallocate metals," he said,
"but I think we are going to see if some
form of recognition can be instituted in
some cases. The word 'recognition' is
the word I would emphasize."

Neither the USOC nor the British are
asking the Germans to relinquish their
medals. The USOC believes most of the

German competitors were unaware of the banned substances they were taking and is requesting only that its swimmers receive supplementary gold medals. Davies is also more interested in vin-

dication than vengeance.
"I wouldn't like to see medals stripped," she said. "And if you ask me, it's a bit too late to reissue medals, but a certificate or a rewrite of the record

books would be satisfactory to me." Davies rejects the argument that the IOC should not tinker with the record book because there is no guarantee that those who will benefit were drug-free at the time of the events in question. .

"I suppose you could say that I had the same information available to me as they did about beating the system, but 'I was

training on my own," she said.

Last summer, Davies, who is a televising presenter, spent several weeks in

Germany. She was seeking evidence to present to the IOC and material for a television program that will air in Britain on Sunday evening. During her research, she interviewed Schneider and Rica Reinisch, who won both back-

stroke events at the 1980 Olympics. "Petra was quite happy to admit it,"
Davies said. "She said she was put on a doping program at 14 and originally told that they were just little blue pills. She then knew changes were taking place in her body, and by the time she was 16 or 17, she was aware that she was taking something illegal but by that time she was worried that if she rejected it, her father might lose his job or something.
That's the very sad part of this, It wasn't a simple, straightforward thing."
"Both Petra and Rica Reinisch have

heart problems and all the side effects that are apparent with steroid abuse," Davies added. "But the fact is they had very little choice. If I had been in East Germany at that time, I could have been

one of those people, too.

"But I do think the IOC should be beld fairly accountable that more was not done at the time. It's not like this is all a surprise. The East Germans were dominating out of all proportion. It was obvious to everyone what was going on, and I think there should be some form of compensation for athletes who missed out on medals they would have won and

something as well for the East German athletes who were swept under the carpet and many of whom are now suf-iering badly. Petra has been told at the age of 35 that she could die of a heart attack at any moment, and she has an

eight-year-old girl."
Davies and her husband, Derek Redmond, have a five-year-old son, Ellion. Redmond, a 400-meter runner, was also

a British Olympian.
It should come as no surprise that Elliott has begun to express an interess in sport. But Davies is ambivalent about the prospect of her son's choosing the

family business. "Part of me is proud and wants him to do sport and part of me worries to death about what he would have to do to himself to do his best," she said. "It's quite sad to feel that way."

Billiards Veteran Is Ranned

A 58-year-old Japanese billiards player tested positive for a muscle building drug and has been kicked off the team for the Asian Games and banned for two years. Renters reported from

Junsuke Inoue admitted to using methyltestosterone, a hormone similar in its effects to testosterone, to enhance his energy level. He would have been the oldest Japanese competitor at the games in Bangkok in December.

Waite Deflects 38 Shots-on-Goal 🐼 As the Coyotes Keep On Howling

The Associated Press

Jimmy Waite was spectacular in goal as the Phoenix Coyotes continued the best start in the 20year history of their franchise with a 2-0 victory. Waite turned aside 38 shots as the Coyotes. formerly the Winnipeg Jets, handed the Dallas Stars their first home defeat of the season. The Stars held a 38-18 shots-on-goal advantage, al-though few of their opportunities tested Waite.

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The goaltender denied the Stars' best scoring chance of the night on Guy Carbonneau's short-handed breakaway with 14:39 to play. Keith Tkachuk and Jyrki Lumme scored for

Phoenix, which is unbeaten in its last seven games and is 7-2-2 overall. The Coyotes haven't lost since Oct. 22, when they were edged, 2-1, by the Stars in Dallas. "We're thrilled about the start, but it's more important to finish strong," said Coach Jim

1 One night after scoring 1 goals, the New York Rangers could manage only one in Miami.

Thirteen seconds after the Rangers tied the Florida Panthers, 1-1, in the second period, Alexei Kovaley, a New York winger, was called for a penalty that altered the complexion of the game.

Ed Jovanovski broke the tie by scoring with 21 seconds left in the period, and Robert Svehla gave Florida a two-goal cushion by scoring at 3:33 of the

Red Wings 6, Blues 2 In Detroit, Steve Yzerman

moved past his boyhood hero, Bryan Trottier, into 10th place on the National Hockey League career point list as the Red Wings routed St. Louis.

Yzerman's goal and assist gave him 1,426 points, one more than Trottier, the former New York Islanders' great whom Yzerman admired so much that he adopted his No. 19 jersey.

Yzerman tied Trottier with an assist on Vyacheslav Kozlov's goal, the last of Detroit's four first-period tallies. Yzerman's goal in the last minute of the second period gave the Red Wings a

Mighty Ducks 5, Hurricanes 4 Paul Kariya scored with 1:07 left in regulation to tie the game and Steve Rucchin deflected in the winning goal for Anaheim at 1:04 of overtime. The Ducks trailed, 3t, heading into the third period.

on a penalty shot and set up another goal to lead New Jersey over visiting Montreal.

Maple Leafe 3, Offers 2 In Toronto, Curtis Joseph made 32 saves and was spectacular in the third period, when Edmonton outshot the Leafs, 20-2, but could score only once.



John Maclean of the Rangers, left, and Sean Burke of the Panthers staring down the puck.

Vaughn Rebuffs Bosox, Who Now Try for Belle

NEW YORK - Mo Vaugha's deeision to reject a final offer from the Boston Red Sox is likely to trigger another series of moves in an already busy baseball off-season. The slugger rejected a deal worth \$60

clubs - the Anaheim Angels are an early favorite — while the Red Sox indicated they would pursue Albert Belle of the Chicago White Sox. Among other moves Wednesday, Bobby Bonilla returned to the New

York Mets, David Cone stayed with the New York Yankees and Dean Palmer became Detroit's biggest free-agent addition in years. Vaughn, the 1995 American League

most valuable player, was given a take-it-or-leave-it offer Wednesday night by Boston's general manager, Dan Duquette, and the slugging first baseman vowed to play elsewhere next season. Vaughn rejected a \$37.5 million,

four-year deal earlier this year. The Red Sox then made a five-year offer worth about \$60 million, but the hard-hitting first baseman already has a S72 million. six-year proposal from the Angels.

Belle, a surly outfielder, could be an interesting signing in a city where fans and media put players under what might be the most intense microscope in baseball. Duquette said he was not concerned with Belle's anti-media stance, saying that fan reaction "would be fantastic" if Belle hit 50 homers and drove in 130 runs for Boston. Belle hit .328 with 49 homers for the White Sox this season.

Cope agreed to stay with the Yankees, getting an \$8 million, one-year contract, \$2.5 million more than the player option he was set to reject. Cone, 35, was 20-7 with a 3.55 ERA last season as New York set an American League record with 114 victories and won the World Series. It was his first 20-

victory season since 1988. The Yankees and Darryl Strawberry million Wednesday and will change agreed to extend the deadline for a decision on his \$2.5 million option to Nov. 20. Strawberry is undergoing chemotherapy following surgery last month to remove a cancerous tumor from his colon.

Arizona picked up two free agents, agreeing to a \$5.7 million, three-year contract with left-handed pitcher Greg Swindell and a \$1.8 million, two-year deal with first baseman Greg Colbrung.

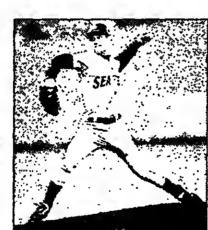
Swindell, who will be 34 next season, was 5-6 with a 3.59 earned run average for Minnesota and Boston this year in 81 relief appearances and made \$1.3 mil-

Colbrunn, 29, his .307 this year for Colorado and Atlanta, with three homers and 23 runs batted in for 166 at-

Los Angeles sent Bonilla to the Mets along with \$1 million for reliever Mel Rojas, and Palmer agreed to a \$36 million, five-year contract with the Tigers. Bonilla was largely a bust during three seasons with the Mets before they

sens him to Baltimore, where he was also a disappointment. "I think Bobby Bonilla's a guy who comes with some risk who also comes with a lot of reward," said Bobby Valentine, the Mets' manager. "We certainly hope he is able to play in the outfield. The risk is whether he catches the ball when it comes down."

Rojas was a major disappointment for



Jamie Moyer pitching for the Major League stars in Osaka, Japan.

the Mets this year, going 5-2 with a 6.05 carned run average and two saves in 50 games and blowing key games against the New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays, among others. Rojas is signed for 1999 at \$4.5 million, while Bonilla gers \$5.9 million in each of the next two seasons,..

Palmer, 30 next month, went to Detroit after Ken Caminiti, another freeagent third baseman, rejected the Tigers' offer. Detroit gave Palmer a deal that includes a \$10 million signing bo-

nus payable over five years. He made \$5.75 million this year, hitting .278 for Kansas City and leading the Royals in homers (34) and runs batted in (119). Detroit wants to upgrade its roster in preparation for the move to a new stadium in 2000.

Major Leaguers Win in Japan

Jamie Moyer and four relievers pitched a five-hit shutout Thursday as a squad of U.S. major leaguers beat a team of Japanese all-stars, 2-0, the Associated Press reported from Osaka.

The victory put the major leaguers 3-2 ahead in the best-of seven series.

2 Babes: Ruth and Mrs. Joe DiMaggio

They're Both in Collection of Baseball Memorabilia Worth Millions

By Ira Berkow New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- Everyone needed an identification card. You couldn't go into a military zone without it. Even if you were on your honeymoon. As Marilyn Monroe was.

She had come to Tokyo with Joe DiMaggio shortly after their marriage but on arrival she and Joe agreed to an appeal from the general staff for her to entertain the troops in Korea, while Joe stayed in Japan. And so on a laminated U.S. Department of Defense L.D., issued 8 Feb. 1954, was, naturally, her unmistakably dazzling mug shot — looking nothing, to be sure, like a non-com — with her name printed below

the photo and her looping signature.

And what, for, say, \$6,000, was the name she chose to be known by?
Answer: "Norma Jeane DiMaggio," as she signed it.

Until very recently Barry Halper owned one of the most remarkable, and valuable, baseball memorabilia collections this side of the moon.

It was announced Tuesday that he had sold to the baseball commissioner's office for \$7.5 million what he estimates to be 20 percent of his collection, which comprises everything from the 75 baseball uniforms in mint condition that go back to one worn by Pud Galvin of the 1271 Buffalo Nationals to the contract to the National Casket Co. of Long Island City for Babe Ruth's coffin ("six-foot, six-inch pine box — kind of eerie, but special," Halper said) to, well, Norma Jeane DiMaggio's USO identification. Much of the rest of his collection will Chicago, on the 50th anniversary of

be sold over the year by Sotheby's, including the Monroe card.

Halper, diligent to the point of ob-sessed, obtained his collection of more than 100,000 pieces that fills up almost every nook and cranny of the extensive basement in his house in Livingston, New Jersey, in many ways: by people giving him things free that they wanted to clear out of their basements or by going to various significant individuals and getting them to auto-graph bats; balls and programs, as well as on occasion visiting an auction. It was at an auction about 20 years ago that he paid \$1,400 for the LD. The

people at Sotheby's believe it might sell for at least \$6,000.

Halper, a friend for many years of DiMaggio's, said he never showed the LD. ("Ht. 5-5 1/2, Wt. 118, Religion: None'") to DiMaggio.

"He's very sensitive about any. "But one day in my home I showed him an original copy of the first Playboy Magazine, in which she posed nude for the cover. Joe said — be didn't look too the like a thill be a like to be didn't look too the like to the look to the loo didn't look too thrilled - "What do you want me to do with this, sign 'Best

Halper is nothing if not undannted.
"I said, 'No, but I'd love to have you sign it,' He said, 'O.K., but I don't want anyone to see it in my lifetime." I promised I wouldn't, and I haven't."

Haiper, now 58 and a limited part-ner with the New York Yankees at something over I percent, began collecting baseball cards as a boy in the 1940s. Soon it was on to other memorabilia. At the 1983 All-Star Game in

the first big-league All-Star Game, he wanted to get a bat signed by Earl Averill, who played in that game.

"I saw him in the botel lobby after the game and he was looking very sickly." Halper recalled. "He said he'd sign it tomorrow. I thought that if he made it to tomorrow it would be a miracle. I just about begged him to do it now and we went to his hotel room. where he signed it.

The next morning I come down to the lobby and there's a big commotion. Averill was leaving the hotel in an ambulance and died shortly after. I don't want to be callous, but I did get

Halper once approached Richard Nixon, whom he knew, with a re-

He told him he had been collecting baseballs of famous people who signed their full names and nicknames. From ther tull names and nicknames. From his briefcase, Halper showed Nixon halls signed "Joseph Paul DiMaggio, "Yankee Clipper," and "Theodore Samuel Williams, "The Thumper."

"Mr. President, would you sign a haschall like that?" Halper asked.

"Sere," Nixon said. He signed, "Richard Milhous Nixon." "You didn't write your nickname,"

Halper said. "I don't have a nick-name," Nixon said. "Ah, well, year you do, Mr. President." Halper said. "I do?" "The Trickster." Nixon threw up his arms. "Oh, no. I'm not signing that!" Halper politely held his ground. "Well," he said. "how about Tricky Dick?"
"Not that either!" said Nixon arms.

Not that either!" said Nixon, even half-smiling It was one of Halper's

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Exotic Teams Line Up For Preseason Battles

College Basketball Versus 'Road Warriors'

By William Gildea Washington Post Service ...

ASHINGTON — This is the time, with the college basket-ball season just beginning. that teams rarely heard of 50 weeks of the year hit the road relentlessly to play a compressed schedule of exhibition games against college teams. These fleeting days add up to a whole season, an ephemeral show time, for those foreign and domestic squads with often and the college teams and then fade again to obscurity.

The names have been dominating the results columns recently, usually appearing on the loss side: Korabel Travelers of Ukraine, SKS Pakmet of Poland, Zwolle Dutch Select, Klub Levice of Slovakia and Sakalai Lithuania to name a few: state-side stalwarts include the Delaware Dynamite, the Arkansas Express (with three players who won a national 3-on-3 competitioo), Brewster Packing, Pella Windows, the Shooting Stars, and the One World All-Stars with a phone ournber in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, feafuring 10 players from eight foreign countries and a coach from Slovenia.

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It can get rough on the road for these giants from other lands and former college players, many hoping an National Basketball Association or Women's PA scout will see them in what amounts to the wink of a spotlight. Slovakia made it all the way to Evansville, in the lower left corner of indiana, before losing. The Aussie All-Stars were scheduled by Duke last Saturday night before playing North Carolina on Sunday afternoon, losing 108-76 and 90-71 on short rest. What to make of another. Australian team, the Geelong Supercats, who were run down Tuesday night by the merciless Kansas Jayhawks, 140-78. before 15,200 roaring partisans?

That same evening, at American University's Bender Arena in Washington, Coach Art Perry braced for the coming of Court Authority, from Richmond. With a 7-4 record, including a one-point victory at George Mason the previous hight, Court Anthority is one of the few winning teams among the proud road warriors crisscrossing America. The roster included Harold Deane, former Virginia star coming off a season as point guard for the Bank of Sardinia onthe island of Sardinia.

"This is a quality team, well-bal-anced," said Perry, awaiting the vis-itors. "You try to schedule teams you want to play," ones that would be help-ful in assessing the college squad. Still, Perry added: "I think we need wins. We oeed to establish a winning attitude and winning environment."

team took on the Russian national juniors. Like Court Anthority, the Russian women had proved to be winners -- 4-2 on a mixed-bag schedule that included victories over Boston College and Connecticut. One young woman easily stood out — the 6-foot-8 (2-meter) Maria Stepanova. She joined the Mos-cow contingent from Phoenix, where she played last season for the WNBA Phoenix Mercury. Even Russians have agents; hers is Boris Lelchitski. He has been interpreting for the team. He works out of Irmo, South Carolina.

"We are grateful to Chevron for making this trip possible. Otherwise we couldn't have come," said Evgeni Gomelsky, the coach who also coached the 1992 Olympic gold medal winners in women's basketball for what was then called the Unified team. Ordinarily, preseason exhibition opponents enjoy not even a hint of pampering and usually have to overcome serious obstacles eveo to get to the games. The players hold. jobs. Many travel to meet their team and then keep on traveling with it. They're the visitors every game.

"You're on the road for all of them," said Scott Barker, coach of the Delaware Dynamite, which also plays under the name Delaware Blue Bombers in the United Baskethall Alliance, a minor pro league. The Dynamite's record is 0-6.

Dave Tillman runs the Pennsylvania Sundance All-Stars who are also 0-6. Tillman said the Sundance has made progress in six seasons, better transportation being part of it. In the beginning the players had to ride in what he called

"the death-trap van." It never did them

harm; it simply was a collection of bolts



Norman Nolan, left, and Harold Deane, both of Court Authority, waiting to get back into the game against American University in Washington.

Meanwhile, over at Georgetown's that gave out on a trip to Colgate, forcing McDonough Gym, the Hoyas women's everyone to scramble into rental cars.

To cootact any of these teams, it helps to know the cell phone number of someone in charge because chances are they will be on the road. When Chris Koch answered his phone the other day. he was in the first of two vans carrying his team south on the Interstate toward New York. Koch is general manager of the One World All-Stars, which lost the previous night to Boston College and was bound for St. John's and another exhibition defeat against Big East opposition that night just a few hours after arrival. "The skyline of Hartford, Coonecticut, is just coming into view. Koch said,

THE Ooe World All-Stars are aprly named. The two vans carried players from Dominica, Greece, Bosnia, France, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Italy and Cameroon. The coach from Slovenia was on a sabbatical, "Nine different languages can be spoken at any one time. 'Koch said. As for what happens in the last minutes of a close game when the coach haddles with his team, Koch explained: No matter what words are coming out of the coach's mouth, everyone understands a diagram. He diagrams the plays. Our motto is 'One Game, One Goal, One World,'

In the midst of playing six games in six nights in six places, One World has compiled a 1-6 record. One World's one victory came against Marquette, with a rally from 22 points behind to win on a three-pointer by Eddie Rivera from Puerro Rico. Joachim Ekanga-Ehawa. a guard from Cameroon, hit five of six threes in that game. "We have a mishmash of players with some professional

experience and young amateurs." Koch said. "If we played all kids, we'd lose by 60 or 70.

Among the experienced players is Garth Joseph. a center from Dominica who is almost the same size as Shaquille O'Neal. One of three 7-footers on the team. Joseph is 7-foot-2, 315 pounds (143 kilograms) and according to Koch. "knows how to use the body" even if he needs work on his "lateral speed."

When One World helped Ohio State open its new \$110 million Schottenstein Center on Nov. 3, Joseph took the floor wearing an undershirt beneath his uniform jersey. An official told him to remove it, so when he took his two shirts off at the One World bench, the crowd of 12,280 got to its feet in amazement. cheered and applauded. Joseph. 25, is 315 pounds of muscle and looks almost as wide as he is tall - an eyeful perhaps for those NBA scouts who have been flocking to the exhibition games with little else to do because of the lockout.

Back in Washington, AU's Eagles soared past Court Authority, 102-95, A cautionary note would be that Court Authority was dead tired. After winning Monday at George Mason, the team went home to Richmond so everyone could get to work Tuesday. Staying in the area overnight would have been a luxury. Instead, it was back up the Interstate in Tuesday's late-afternoon rush, arriving with just enough time to stretch and warm up.

At Georgetown, the Russian women excelled, 81-53. The agile Stepanova dropped in 12 points and swept away 10 rebounds. With that, her teammates flew back to Moscow as she returned to Phoenix. College basketball was just beginning, but the season for the exhibition opponents was almost over.

Evans Quits Liverpool, **Houllier Takes Charge**

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Roy Evans resigned as co-manager of Liverpool on Thursday, leaving Gerard Houllier in sole charge of the struggling English Premier League club.

David Moores, the club chairman. said Evans, who had been at Liverpool for 33 years as player, coach and man-

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ager, was leaving by "mutual consent." Evans said: "I felt, over the past three or four weeks, things hadn't quite been working out for the benefit of the club. That was always uppermost in my mind. I dispute my record is one of failure. At any other club, it would be a success, but not at Liverpool.

Evans said he had declined an offer of another job at the club because he did not want to be "a ghost on the wall."

The move leaves Houllier, the former French national coach, in charge for Saturday's home game against Leeds. Houllier, speaking of his partnership

stage" the players "didn't know who was the boss - who they had to refer

with Evans, said that "maybe at one

• Peter Schmeichel, the Manchester United goalkeeper, said Thursday he would leave English soccer at the end of

the season. The Danish national goalkeeper, who is 35, has made several hlunders this season. His most likely destination is a club in France.

POLAND Polish prosecutors said Thursday they had identified a man they suspected of having injured Parma's Dino Baggio during a UEFA Cup game last month in Krakow. Baggio said he was struck in the head by a knife thrown from the crowd during a UEFA Cup

match against Wisla Krakow.
"We have a suspect." said Malgorzata Wilkosz-Sliwa, a spokeswoman for the prosecutors' office in Krakow. We will soon ask the court to press charges against the man and order his arrest. She identified the suspect as "a

very young man."
Wisla Krakow previously said Baggio could have been hit by a stone or a metal object. But television pictures

showed it was almost certainly a knife. GERMANY A fan in Berlin was reported to be in critical condition Thursday after being thrown out of a subway train during violence that followed a maich between Bayer Leverkusen and Hertha Berlin on Wednesday.

The man suffered head and leg in juries as fans vandalized carriages while traveling home from the match, which (AFP, AP, Renters)

'Beijing Curse' Afflicts China Soccer Fans

BEIJING — Beijing's boisterous soccer fans have provoked a campaign against their use of obscenities to berate opposing teams, referees and poorly performing members of their hometown professional team.

One phrase in particular is screamed hy fans of the Beijing team, the National Guardians, with startling abandon, with hundreds chanting it in unison. Long used as an insulring epithet in the streets, it includes a crude reference to female anatomy. For purposes of public discussion and earnest condemnation, the press calls it the "Beijing curse."

Recently the Beijing curse has filled the Workers' Stadium, and increasing numbers of Beijingers feel ashamed about this." said the first of

many articles in the Beijing Youth Daily, published by the Communist Youth League. "Every fan must assume personal responsibility for driving the Beijing curse out of the stadium." Players, teachers and parents have pleaded with the offending

fans to clean up their language.

But if a match Nov. 4 was any indication, the once-great power of official exhortation in China has diminished. The Guardians played a South Korean team in the Asian Champions Cup. As soon as the teams took the field, the shouts of the Beij ing curse began. Most were aimed at the Beijing team as it lost, 2-0.

We just do it to let off steam." said Liu Bin, 30, who said he was a government worker. 'People who go to see sports want to hang loose.

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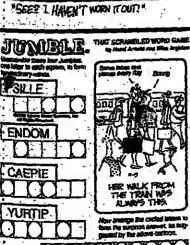
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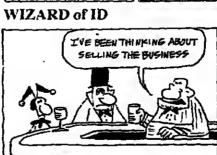
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Where's the Audience?

By Sharon Waxman Washington Post Service

OS ANGELES - Will nothing to do with movies about slavery?

That could be one conclusion drawn from the dismal showing of Oprah Winfrey's dark, ambitious drama "Beloved," a three-hour production praised by critics and rejected by audiences.

After four weeks in the theater and an enormous marketing push by Disney that included a one-hour special on Winfrey's talk show, the film has taken in only \$21.1 million at the box office. That is barely half of what another Disney film, Adam Sandler's goofball comedy 'Waterboy,' rang up in three days. That film cost Disney \$23 million to make and took in \$39 million over the weekend. "Beloved" cost the studio 555 million, not in-

cluding marketing costs.
"It's discouraging." said Joe Roth, chief of Disney Studios, "It's discouraging how difficult it is to get people to come see serious movies."

Not even those expected to show up - hlacks and Winfrey's core female audience -

"The lesson is that the country seems to be in a mood where people are looking for real escapist entertainment." said Paul Degarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks box office figures. "It was too much to ask serious black topics cannot be audiences to sit through a three-hour movie, a powerful movie, and come out telling

their friends to go see it." "Beloved" is not the only critical success. But other underperformed.

films with difficult subject matter have succeeded in breaking through to wide audiences, notably "Schindler's American audiences have List." about the Holocaust. and this summer's "Saving Private Ryan, about World

War II, both by Spielberg.

But "Beloved" is a parricularly difficult moviegoing experience, a fact that even Roth — like many critics has acknowledged. Based on the best-selling novel by Toni Morrison, the film tells the painful story of a former slave. played by Winfrey, who struggles to create a new life as she is haunted by the ghosts of her horrific past. Critics praised the film's powerful message, hur also noted that it was - as one critic put it - a "long, hard sit," not necessarily an uplifting Hollywood experience.

"Black historical pieces, like white historical pieces. are very difficult commercial prospects," said Helena Echegoyan, a producer who is black. 'Historical movies are difficult to attach to emotionally, the lesson is placed somewhere else. And when you're dealing with a serious subject turned out to support the film. maner like slavery, I don't know that's a place people

want to be transported to. But black filmmakers fear that future potential projects successful at the box office.

"Because 'Beloved' didn' do bener. I know it will become a precedent for why serious, literary dramas about recent film about slavery that the black experience don't aphas failed to find an audience. peal to people," Echegoyan "Amistad," directed by said. "At the end of the day Steven Spielberg, was neither it's just another black movie a box office nor a significant that didn't perform, or that

Spin Cycle: The Re-Branding of Prince Charles

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Technic

eve of his 50th birthday.

Under his royal crest of three white feathers is a laughing face as the 'heir of sorrows.'

Click! And there is Charles playand greeting as he carried out last week's worthy agenda on a visit to the Balkans. Surf the news, speeches and "picture gallery" and you find no iconic images of Diana, Princess of Wales. There is no sign either of Camilla Parker Bowles, who has dominated this month's tabloids in a mushroom-cloud of a blue hat at a society wedding she and her royal consort separately anended.

The Internet site — www.prince-

ofwales.gov.uk — is inevitably designed to burnish the image of a man variously described as dutiful. tetchy, callous tto his innocent young wife) and potty (when talking to his flowers). The cyberspace vision is of a prince who is duriful, concerned, spiritual (when commuting with nature) and visionary about organic farming, architecture, urban regeneration and other pet projects. (Read the royal speeches railing against genetically modified crops!)

This new initiative issuing from St. James's Palace. Charles's official coun, aims to re-brand the future Charles III for Blair's Cool Britannia (Click! "Why! am mod-em but not a modernist." Charles

The prince may have taken advice from England's foremost docior of spin, Trade Secretary Peter Mandelson, who will arend the private hirthday bash Parker Bowles throwing Saturday at Charles's Highgrove home. The guest list (leaked, of course) includes a smattering of educated showbiz types; with his lot.

such rural landowners as Gerald. Duke of Westminster, whose homes represent Charles's natural habitat: ONDON - The new Prince of various Euro-royals, but, famously. Wales Web site on the Internet not his mother. Queen Elizabeth tells you a lot about Charles a year Inor his sister and two brothers, who after the death of Diana, and on the all have "unavoidable" previous engagements).

An official 2,000-hand-shake 'people's party" will be thrown an alt-screen version of the Friday at Buckingham Palace by crumpled, anguished prince Queen Elizabeth. There is, of dubbed by Britain's satirical press course, no foundation for the malicious gossip, touted in a television documentary last week, that Charles ing pool, laying wreaths, meeting and his mother are at loggerheads over Parker Bowles and that he would be "secretly delighted" if Her Majesty threw in the crown.

Charles instantly denied the ailegations as "ludicrous," in a statement that praised the "duty and loyalty" of the monarch as "an example to us all," With his sense of history, he knows that "abdication" is not a word mentioned in the royal family since Edward VIII chucked it all in for the unpopular. plain, older, divorced woman he loved. (Does this sound familiar?),

"Granny," the Queen Mother whom Charles adores, never forgave the Duke and Duchess of Windsor for pitching her ailing husband and subsequently her young daughter on to the throne. Forty-five years later. Queen Elizabeth believes that monarchy is godgiven and Charles knows that there is no solution to an oedipal royal chess game that requires the death of the queen for the king to take the throne. (At least the bishops seem to be on his side about Camilla: The idea that the Prince of Wales should marry his mistress with church approval and public blessing was put forward last week by the Bishop of Durham).

So here is Charles, at 50, living the reality expressed by his friend Nicholas Soames that "being heir to the throne is not an ambition but a duty." It may even be, as Eric Anderson, former headmaster of Eton College and another friend. said Monday, that Charles is happy



Prince Charles, with his terrier, Tigger, is burnishing his image.

told him in reaction to the idea of his mother moving over. The things I want to do I can do much better as Prince of Wales."

The prince's burning causes that he could not endorse as an apolitical king might once have seemed obscure, even irrelevant. But recent thinking and last year's change of government have put Charles more in step with a generation from which he had seemed as divided as

by the rigid side-part in his hair. Current public anxiety about genetically modified agriculture taps discussion of urban regeneration or charismatic figure, let alone a glob-into the prince's enthusiasm for helping the disadvantaged was deorganic farming, which he intro- rided from a prince who hies from a his modest, self-deprecating best to duced into his Home Farm at High-grove in 1985 and which he has Prince's Trust, set up in 1976 to family firm.

They must be mad." Charles encouraged throughout the Duchy him in reaction to the idea of Cornwall, his vast 128,000 acres of landed estates.

described a piece of modern ar-chitecture as a "monstrous car-buncle," he was dismissed as a fuddy-duddy with a blinkered 18th-century vision. But since then his dogged enthusiasm for a model town called Poundbury on land in the Duchy of Cornwall has met with enthusiasm.

In Margaret Thatcher's "stand on your own two feet" Britain,

give opportunities to young people, has been a personal success for Charles. The trust distributed £32 million in 1998. Other royal works include Business in the Community and a foundation for the urban environment.

The causes are worthwhile, if lacking the dash, bravura and glamour of the media-grabbing issues espoused by Diana. They have provided the prince with a structure and sense of purpose for the years

in waiting.
Why then, when Charles has so many activities, interests and achievements, does the public perceive him as a sad and unhappy man whose busted marriage was sym-

bolic of a more general failure?

The heart of the matter, as it has been for so many monarchs before him, is the personal issue. As a father. Charles has tried to be (forget Diana's mischievous barbs) as close, loving and warm as he feels his own family was nptight and distant. His empathy with his children, from protecting unsure Wil-liam to taking Harry by the hand as they viewed Diana's memorial flowers, has warmed the public.

But until and unless he resolves the Camilla question, his life will lack the still center from which his public works can be viewed in perspective.

For all his talk about inner cuies. this prince with crab-apple red cheeks is a natural-born countryman. The rural pursuits he enjoys Similarly, when in 1984 Charles are now an anachronism for most of his future subjects. Even his interest in watercolor painting is light-years away from popular culture, (Yes, the Spice Girls are just

'spin.'') In brief, Charles is not Diana, with her extraordinary empathy with people equally alien to her privileged background. The prince therefore has no hope of transcend-ing his family heritage to become a



Christupher Reeve talking about his new muvie.

THE conductor Kurt Masur, music director of the New

A York Philharmonic since 1991, will become principal conductor of the London Philharmonic Orchestra as well. starting in 2000. Masur said the five-year appointment to conduct a limited number of concerts would not affect his commitment to the New York Philharmonic, which recently extended his contract to 2002. "Nothing will be changed in my relationship with the Philharmonic," said Masur, 71. The London Philharmonic has been without a music director since Franz Welser-Most left in 1995.

Christopher Reeve says his ABC movie "Rear Window" is a thriller of the high-tech variety. It showcases technology that people with spinal-cord injuries can use, he said. Reeve, who broke his neck in a fall from a horse in 1995, said: "It's an education about rehabilitation woven into a thriller. I tried to do it to represent all of us." Reeve said viewers shouldn't expect "Rear Window" to mirror the Alfred Hitchcock classic. "The movie I just did is specifically not a remake of the old film." he said.

William Luers, a former State Department official and ambassador to Czechoslovakia and Venezuela who has been president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art since 1986, is to be the next chairman and president of the United Nations Association of the USA, which does research and organizes

chapters of UN supporters. He succeeds John Whitehead as Public Radio, Klose succeeds Delano Lewis, who resigned in chairman and Alvin Adams as president.

PEOPLE

Kevin Klose, a former newspaper reporter who has been running the U.S. government's nonmilitary worldwide radio and television network, has been selected to run National

Septuplets Are a Happy Handful

ARLISLE, lowa - The world's first surviving sep uplets will be one year old next week and their

mother says they are a happy, healthy handful.

Each day, the four boys and three girls, born Nov. 19
last year, go through 40 diapers, 32 bottles of formula and
11 jars of baby food. "I mix formula a gallon at a time," said their mother. Bobbi McCaughey.

The first year has presented challenges — eye surgery

for Kenneth, a blood transfusion for Joel, bouts with lung disease for Alexis and special feeding needs for Alexis and Natalie. But all seven are rolling over, grasping, smiling and bubbling away. Three of them are crawling, five can sit up alone and all are beginning to show personalities. Their big sister, Mikayla, who is almost 3 (Reuters, WP)

August, Klose's most recent job was as director of the U.S. International Broadcasting Bureau, and before that he was president of the government's Radio Free Europe/Radic Liberty from 1992 to 1997: ...

Two 19th-century oil sketches by the British artist John Constable are missing from the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, according to newspaper reports published Thurs day. The sketches were last seen in a storeroom in August a the museum and are believed to have been stolen, the museum director, Alan Borg, said.

One of Sweden's leading literary critics, Horace Engdahl has been chosen to lead the Swedish Academy, which awards the Nobel Prize for Literature. Engdahl, 49, will succeed. Sture Allen as the academy's permanent secretary.

The University of Texas is acquiring a collection of more than 700 European paintings and drawings valued at nearly \$35 million. The collection includes works from the Renaissance through the Rococo period. Assembled in Italy by the art historian William Suida, the collection later was expanded by his daughter, Bertina Suida Manning, and her husband

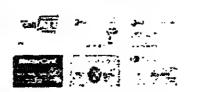


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